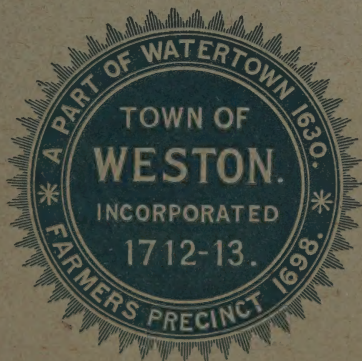


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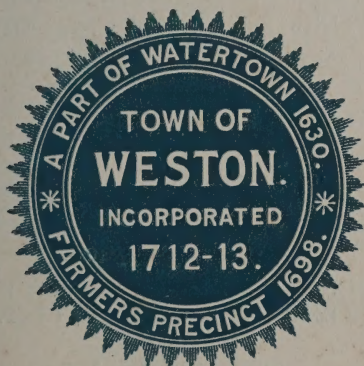
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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, 1895.

Town Clerk.*

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.*

HENRY J. JENNISON.

FRANCIS BLAKE.

NATHAN S. FISKE.

Assessors.*

HENRY L. BROWN.

DAVID W. LANE.

NATHAN S. FISKE.

School Committee.*

THE REV. CHARLES F. RUSSELL, 3 years.

CARRIE E. BURRAGE, 2 years.

ARTHUR L. COBURN, 1 year.

Trustees of the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor.*

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

EDWARD COBURN.

HENRY J. WHITE.

Treasurer and Collector.*

HENRY J. WHITE.

Auditor.*

HERMAN A. TRAIN.

Library Committee.*

OLIVER R. ROBBINS, 3 years.

HORACE S. SEARS, 2 years.

ELIZABETH S. GOWING,† 1 year.

Library Treasurer.*

HENRY J. WHITE.

Trustees of Burial Grounds.*

ALBERT H. HEWS, 3 years.

FRANKLIN G. COOPER, 2 years.

LUTHER F. UPHAM, 1 year.

* Elected at the Annual Meeting.

† Died Feb. 5, 1896.

Road Commissioners.*

THOMAS E. COBURN, 3 years. BENJ. F. CUTTER, 2 years.
MARSHALL L. UPHAM, 1 year.

Park Commissioners.*

ARTHUR L. COBURN, 3 years. HENRY L. BROWN, 2 years.
DAVID W. LANE, 1 year.

Committee on Street Lights.*

HENRY L. BROWN. NATHAN S. FISKE.
HERBERT SEAVERNS.

Public Weigher.†

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

District No. 1.—GEORGE W. CUTTING.

“ No. 1.—MERRILL FRENCH.

“ No. 2.—EDWARD E. BROWN.

“ No. 3.—GEORGE W. DUNN.

“ No. 4.—ARTHUR B. NIMS.

“ No. 4.—DANIEL GARFIELD.

“ No. 5.—CHARLES S. CUTTER.

“ No. 6.—HORACE LEADBETTER.

Surveyors of Lumber.*

DANIEL SMITH. DANIEL GARFIELD.
BENJAMIN F. CUTTER. FREDERICK MAY.
RALPH KENNEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.†

DANIEL SMITH.

Fence Viewers.*

NATHAN BARKER, JR. FREDERICK T. FULLER.
EVERETT O. CLARK.

Field Drivers.*

LYMAN W. GALE. PATRICK J. MCAULIFFE.

* Elected at the Annual Meeting.

† Appointed by the Selectmen.

Pound Keeper.

[No election.]

Constables.*

NATHAN S. FISKE.
SILAS BAXTER.

MERRILL FRENCH.
CHARLES A. FREEMAN.

Special Police Officers.†

JAMES M. SMITH.
HORACE P. HEARD.
GEORGE W. HENDERSON.
H. M. KINGSBURY.

SILAS BAXTER.
RICHARD W. DENNISON.
DARIUS B. VITTUM.
JOSEPH F. FLOOD.

NATHAN BARKER, JR.

Fire Engineers and Forest Fire Wards.

BENJAMIN R. PARKER.

EVERETT O. CLARK.

JOHN M. GUTHRIE.

Board of Health.*

HOWARD L. COOPER, 3 years. EVERETT O. CLARK, 2 years.
BRENTON H. DICKSON, Jr., 1 year.

Agent of the Board of Health.

(To receive death certificates and issue burial permits.)

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

Inspector of Cattle and Provisions.†

EVERETT O. CLARK.

Registrars of Voters.†

GEORGE R. STEDMAN, REP. . . .	Term expires May 1, 1898.
JUSTIN E. GALE, DEM. . . .	Term expires May 1, 1897.
ANDREW FISKE, DEM. . . .	Term expires May 1, 1896.

The Town Clerk (*ex officio*).

* Elected at the Annual Meeting.

† Appointed by the Selectmen.

STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, MASS.

Population, census of 1895	1,710
Number of voters, men	325
Number of voters, women	21
Number of polls	529
School enrolment	262
Total area of town, about	16.8 square miles.
Area taxed	16.6 " "
Greatest extent north and south, about	6.0 "
Greatest extent east and west, about	3.7 "
Park areas, about	19 acres.
Town gravel lots	none.
Streets, public	43.5 miles.
Streets, private	3.0 "
River front in Weston, about	2.7 "
Steam railroads, four track	1.2 "
" " double track	3.2 "
" " single track	3.5 "
Railroad stations	5
Street lights—lamps	180
Houses	344
School-houses (excluding four district school-houses, not in use)	3
Churches	4
Post-offices	2
Villages	2
Horses	498
Cows	913
Dogs	170
Valuation—Real estate	\$1,674 590 00
Personal	1,222,820 00
	<hr/> \$2,897,410 00
Tax rate, \$7.80 on \$1,000.	
Town debt	\$24,815 57

Expenses for 1895.

Schools	\$10,111 77
New High School-house	11,488 77
Highways and bridges	7,252 72
Street lights	1,582 83
Fire department	1,540 99
Support of the poor (<i>net</i>)	1,313 49
Cemeteries	851 86
Salaries of town officers	2,502 00
Town incidentals	2,974 98
State tax	2,145 00
County tax	3,386 52
Interest	1,180 45
Other expenses	1,545 19
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	\$47,876 57

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Weston,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-third day of March, current, at one of the clock, in the afternoon, for the following purposes, to wit : —

First. To choose a Moderator.

Second. To vote on a separate ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Third. To choose the usual Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Fourth. To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Fifth. To accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen and posted according to law.

Sixth. To appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the establishment of a free bed in the Waltham Hospital, for one year, to be called "The Weston Free Bed."

Seventh. To determine the wishes of the Town as to the establishment of courses of instruction in Manual Training,

Sewing or Cooking, in the Weston Public Schools; and to act anything relative thereto.

Eighth. To appropriate money for watering the streets of the town.

Ninth. To appropriate money for the care and improvement of the High School grounds.

Tenth. To raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, or as may be required to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year; and especially to act upon all the appropriations asked for or proposed by the Selectmen or by any Town Officers or Committees in their reports.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting three attested copies thereof according to the vote of the Town, viz.: at the Town Hall, at the Methodist Church, and on the guide post near the house of Benjamin F. Cutter, seven days, at the least, before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, seven days, at least, before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

HENRY J. JENNISON,
FRANCIS BLAKE,
NATHAN S. FISKE,
Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

RECORDED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE TOWN OF WESTON
FOR THE YEAR 1895.

Whole number of births	26
Males	13
Females	13
Of American parentage	9
Of foreign parentage	6
Of American and foreign parentage	11

Whole number of marriages recorded	20
Native born, 30; foreign, 10; natives of the town, 4; age of the youngest groom, 21; oldest, 47; age of the youngest bride, 18; oldest, 37.	

Whole number of marriage certificates issued	16
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Whole number of deaths	24
Males	15
Females	9
Of American birth	21
Of foreign birth	3

Oldest person whose death is recorded, 92 years, 1 month, 25 days; youngest person whose death is recorded, 6 months.

Number of still births recorded, 1; suicide, 1; accidents, 2; non-resident, 1.

Under one year of age	2
Between 1 and 10	1
" 10 and 20	2
" 20 " 30	2
" 30 " 40	3
" 40 " 50	1
" 50 " 60	1
" 60 " 70	4
" 70 " 80	3
" 80 " 90	3
" 90 " 100	1

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Pneumonia, 3; Heart Disease, 2; Influenza, 2; Accidents, 2; Nephritis, 2; Pneumonia and Nephritis, 1; Congenital Cardiac Disease and Nephritis, 1; Apoplexy, 1; Suicide, 1; Still Birth, 1; Old Age, 1; Meningitis, 1; Uterine Myoma, 1; Mitral Insufficiency, 1; Acute Miliary Tuberculosis, 1; Cerebral Convulsions, 1; Bronchial Grip and Pulmonary Congestion, 1; Cirrhosis of Liver and Fatty Degeneration of Heart, 1; Fractured Hip, 1.

Total number of deaths	24
Population of the town, 1895 census	1,710
Rate per thousand, excluding still birth, 1; accident, 2; suicide, 1; non-resident, 1	11.11+

BIRTHS.

JANUARY.

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
22.	Wilson Henry Hastings,	Isaac Wilson and Lura Althea Duun.
22.	Allan Osborne Guthrie,	John N. and Helen O. Loggie.

MARCH.

13.	Arthur Rand Lewis,	Herbert and Alice B. Johnson.
19.	James Wilbur Berry,	Carroll L. and Florence J. McKenzie.
26.	Elizabeth Farry,	Michael and Nellie Fitzmorris.
26.	Katherine Farry,	" " " "
27.	Jesse Sumner Viles,	Henry Lewis and Mertie Lizzie Wyman.

APRIL.

2.	Joseph Arthur Jackson,	Joseph Arthur and Harriet G. Sanderson.
21.	Horace Sears Kenney,	Charles C. and Clara F. Stimpson.

MAY.

31.	Gertrude Elizabeth Harris,	Alfred and Gertrude Black.
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JUNE.

24.	—— — Travis,	Wilbur H. and Mercie Ida Keith.
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JULY.

13.	Marion Abigail Ross,	Joseph T. and Annie Vickery.
20.	Francis James Connelly,	Patrick and Mary McGinness.
29.	Edith May West,	Robert L. and Hannah E. Morton.

AUGUST.

11.	Arthur Rollings Keeley,	Charles and Sophie M. Davis.
11.	Beatrice Randolph,	Albert and Annie.
20.	Cornelia Horsford Fiske,	Andrew and Gertrude Horsford.

SEPTEMBER.

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| 6. Philip Arthur Burrage, | Arthur S. and Carrie E. Upham. |
| 21. Lizzie Quinn, | William and Mary Tierney. |

OCTOBER.

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| 7. Margaret Plumer, | Charles S. and Mary Augusta Chal-
enor. |
| 22. Ruth Marion Cutting, | Marshall J. and Carrie I. Vittum. |
| 21. Mary Finn, | Timothy and Annie. |
| 27. Royal Armatage Ames, | Francis F. and Sarah M. Reid. |

DECEMBER.

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| 12. Winneford Eliza Doty, | Frederick E. and Violetta Atkins. |
| 14. Charles Frederick Johnson, | Charles F. and Nora A. Griffith. |
| 26. Oliver L. Sherburne, | Oliver L. and Mary Barker. |

MARRIAGES.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Edward A. Caldwell. | Maud S. Sanderson. |
| Freeman Scott Carr. | Elizabeth J. Cox. |
| Lyman W. Gale. | Jane L. Winsor. |
| James W. Tozier. | Phoebe Ellen Henderson. |
| Charles M. Clark. | Ella M. Sturgis. |
| Cornelius Lewis Keefe. | Sarah Augusta Burke. |
| George Allen North. | Mary Lewis. |
| Patrick J. McAuliffe. | Julia Alice McGowen. |
| Edmund H. Sears. | Hellen Clark Swazey. |
| Herbert Luther Dunn. | Grace Fletcher Kelly. |
| Dennis Bernard Keefe. | Mary Agnes Ellard. |
| Emory Warren Lane. | Victoria Maude Downing. |
| Charles Henry Fiske, Jr. | Mary Duncan Thorndike. |
| George J. Zimmer. | Mary Jane Trask. |
| John Podmore. | Adeline Maria Sanderson. |
| Milledge E. Crouse. | Inga C. Aune. |
| Nathaniel Seaver. | Mary Harriet Higgins. |
| Charles A. Peck. | Florence J. Jennison. |
| George E. Trask. | Evelyn A. Knowles. |
| George W. Kenney. | Ethelyn Augusta Wellington. |

DEATHS.

JANUARY.

Date.	Name.	Place of Birth.	Age.		
			Y.	M.	D.
12.	John Viles,	Weston,	74	8	20

FEBRUARY.

5.	Mary Judge,	Ireland,	19	0	0
8.	David Perry,	Fitzwilliam, N. H.,	80	9	0
12.	Alice (Ryan) Keefe,	Ireland,	58	0	0
21.	Lillie J. Gilson,	Fitchburg,	20	6	0
26.	Timothy D. Adams,	N. Brookfield,	77	0	0
26.	Lucy (Jennings) Morse,	Natick,	63	2	27

MARCH.

11.	Arthur Stoddard Burrage,	West Cambridge,	35	0	0
11.	Otis Wilbur Sherman,	Weston,	0	9	0
12.	Oliver Nutter Kenney,	Ossipee, N. H.,	61	3	3
13.	Joel Upham,	Weston,	92	1	25
18.	Lucy (Abbott) Googins,	Hancock, Me.,	69	0	24
19.	Lucinda (Harris) Cooke,	Portland, Me.,	81	0	0
28.	Elizabeth Safford Towne Field,	Boxford,	80	5	0

APRIL.

12.	Frederick Winsor,	Weston,	6	0	28
14.	Ida (Gould) Seaverns,	Medford,	39	8	0
20.	George Aaron Vannevar,	Boston,	49	10	4

MAY.

12	John Galbraith,	Boston,	74	9	0
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JUNE.

23.	— — — Baxter,	Weston,	0	0	0
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JULY.

11.	Mateus Loughie,	Poland,	28	0	0
28.	George Walker,	Hopkinton,	60	0	7

AUGUST.

25.	Abbie Jennie Loker,	Weston,	37	3	0
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OCTOBER.

5.	John Noonan,	Jamaica Plain,	0	6	0
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NOVEMBER.

19.	Henry Clay Zoller,	Weston,	13	0	0
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Number of dog licenses issued during the year, 170

Cash received for licenses for 148

Males at \$2 each . . . \$296 00

Cash received for licenses for 22

Females at \$5 each . . . 110 00

————— \$406 00

Clerk's fees, 20 cents for each license, \$34 00

Cash paid County Treasurer . . 372 00

————— \$406 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUTTING,

Town Clerk.

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor have the honor to submit the following report for the fiscal year ending Feb. 29, 1896 : —

Organization of the Board.

The Board was organized at a special meeting held March 25, 1895, by the choice of Mr. Henry J. Jennison as Chairman, and Mr. Francis Blake, Clerk. Stated meetings have been held in accordance with the following notices, which were publicly posted : —

NOTICE.

In April, and until further notice, a stated meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held in their rooms at the Town Hall, Weston, on the second Saturday of each month at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Bills against the Town should be presented to the Auditor on or before the fifth of the month. Bills presented after the fifth of the month will not be acted upon until the following month.

NOTICE.

On Nov. 9, 1895, and thereafter, until further notice, the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held in their rooms at the Town Hall, Weston, on the second Saturday of each month at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

During the year, the Board have held eleven stated and five special meetings.

Appropriations.

The following table gives the appropriations made by the Town during the year 1895, and the appropriations recommended to be made at the next annual meeting:—

	1895. Appropriated.	1896. Recommended.
1. Salaries of Town Officers	\$2,600	\$2,600
2. Town Incidentals	3,300	3,300
3. Discounts and Abatements	1,200	1,200
4. Interest on Town Debt	1,200	2,000
5. Payment of Town Debt	1,500*	1,500*
6. Support of Poor	1,500	1,500
7. Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	250	350
8. Military Aid	60	60
9. Memorial Day	[75]†	—
10. Highways — General Repairs	5,700	6,500
11. “ Snow Bills	500	300
12. Street Lights	1,800	2,000
13. Schools — General Purposes	5,500	5,800
14. “ Incidentals	1,000	2,200
15. “ Text-books	500	500
16. “ Conveyance of Pupils	3,000	2,200
17. Burial Grounds	700	500
18. Fire Department	800	500
19. Town Records	1,200	500
20. East Newton Street Bridge	200	—
21. Bills Prior	300	650†
22. Marking the Graves of Soldiers of the Revolution	[100]†	—
23. New High School House	20,000	—

* Standing vote of March 26, 1893.

† To be taken from Town Incidentals.

‡ This includes \$500 for water supply to cemeteries, appropriated August 21, 1895.

24.	Land at Junction of Ware and Newton Streets	\$100	—
25.	Riverside Road	2,000	—
26.	Fire Hose and Hose Carriage	800	—
27.	Hydrant Service	—	\$500
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		\$55,710	\$34,660

Jury List.

The subjoined list of names has been prepared and posted in accordance with the provision of the Public Statutes, and will be reported at the next annual meeting, to be placed in the jury box, subject to the revision of the Town:—

George N. Abercrombie.	George E. Hobbs.
Emery L. Bemis.	Cornelius L. Keefe.
Henry L. Brown.	Otis A. Kingsbury.
Everett O. Clark.	Isaac O. Lovewell.
Albert E. Coburn.	Francis B. Ripley.
Frank Cooper.	Henry G. Russell.
Andrew B. Driver.	Fitz A. Robinson.
Charles H. Fiske, Jr.	Louis E. Roberts.
George Faber.	J. Melvin Schwartz.
Edward C. Green.	Herbert Seaverns.
Josiah S. Gould.	Warren Thayer.
William N. Gowell.	Sidney E. Tyler.

Appointments.

Under the provisions of the Public Statutes, the Board have made the following appointments:—

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Daniel Smith.

PUBLIC WEIGHER.

George W. Cutting.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

James M. Smith.	Silas Baxter.
Horace P. Heard.	Richard W. Dennison.
George William Henderson.	Darius B. Vittum.
H. M. Kingsbury.	Joseph F. Flood.
Nathan Barker, Jr.	

FIRE ENGINEERS.

Benjamin R. Parker.	Everett O. Clark.
John M. Guthrie.	

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.

George R. Stedman, Republican, for three years, from May 1, 1895.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

Everett O. Clark.

BALLOT CLERKS AT ANNUAL STATE ELECTION.

Benjamin R. Parker.	Frank D. Perry.
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TELLERS AT ANNUAL STATE ELECTION.

William H. Coburn.	Harrison C. Hall.
Andrew Fiske.	Albert H. Hews.
Edward Fiske.	Marshall L. Hews.
Charles A. Freeman.	Herbert Seaverns.
Daniel Smith.	

April 13, 1895, Mr. Nathan Barker, Jr., was granted an auctioneer's license for the ensuing year.

July 29, 1895, Mr. Charles A. Freeman was appointed to have charge of the burial of deceased soldiers and sailors, as required by Section 1 of Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1889.

Accounts of Town Treasurer and Collector.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of the Town By-Laws, the Board have twice during the year made a thorough examination of the accounts of the Town Treasurer and Collector and the condition of the treasury.

In the course of these examinations all payments made by the Treasurer were verified by reference to approved vouchers or indorsed cheques. The receipts from taxes were verified by references to the Assessors' tax warrants. The bank accounts were found to agree with the pass-books, after making allowance for outstanding cheques; and in general, all moneys in charge of Mr. Henry J. White as Town Treasurer and Collector, Library Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor were properly accounted for.

Support of the Poor.

Mr. George W. Henderson and his wife have continued in charge of the almshouse during the current year, thus completing five years of most faithful and efficient service to the Town.

The subjoined financial statement shows an annual expenditure at the almshouse of only \$176.12 in excess of the receipts from the farm. This is a much better showing than has been made for many years. Should the next season be a favorable one for farm crops, the Board are of the opinion that the receipts from the farm, under Mr. Henderson's management, will meet nearly all expenses not classed as "extraordinary." There are some repairs needed on the house, and it should be painted; otherwise, the buildings are in good order.

Almshouse Receipts and Expen-

RECEIPTS.

For Milk	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$986 63
Potatoes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 80
Pease	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	254 05
Corn and beans	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	138 30
Poultry and eggs	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	112 55
Cows and calves	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	196 00
Board	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60 85
Sundries	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 48
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$1,794 66
Received from the Treasury	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	209 00
On hand, March 1, 1895	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 54

 \$2,016 20

ditures during the Year.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid George W. Henderson, salary as Superintendent	\$350 00
Groceries and provisions	310 58
Hay and grain	401 69
Brewers' grains	139 75
Labor	183 14
Fertilizer and dressing	38 50
Coal	20 59
Cows	274 60
Seeds	73 16
Blacksmith	53 36
Household goods and clothing	15 63
Incidental expenses	68 78
Buggy	32 00
Medical attendance	9 00
Cash in hands of Superintendent	45 42
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	\$2,016 20

The following is a list of persons who have received support at the almshouse during the year : —

	AGE.	ADMITTED.
Mrs. Harriet Dudley,	68 yrs.	March 1, 1884.
Joseph Seaverns,	55 "	Dec. 22, 1885.
Wm. H. H. Gates,	74 "	March 1, 1894.

Present number of inmates, 3 ; tramps cared for during the year, 608.

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

The following named persons have been assisted during the year : —

Mrs. Mary Veno and family, of Waltham . . .	\$84 00
* Mrs. Susan Hall, of Weston, charged to City of Boston	115 33
Mrs. Mary Smith, of Weston	104 00
Lorenzo Leadbetter, of Wayland	131 00
Patrick Burke and family, of Waltham	235 50
Charles Sanderson, board at Worcester Insane Hospital	169 46
Bigelow Gleason, of Weston	117 25
Robert Percell, paid to the Town of Ware	44 75
Richard Blodgett, Weston, charged to the Town of Sunderland	243 29
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	\$1,244 58
Amount due from the City of Boston for aid of Mrs. Susan Hall	\$115 33
Amount due from Town of Sunderland for aid of Richard Blodgett	243 29
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	\$358 62
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Total Outside Relief for the Poor of the Town	\$885 96

* Died Jan. 7, 1896.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Amount paid for board of Sidney W.	
Rice	\$208 53
Amount paid to Henry B. Sanderson,	10 00
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	\$218 53

SUMMARY.

Expenditures at Almshouse	\$209 00
Expenditures on account Outside	
Relief	\$1,244 58
Less amount to be refunded	358 62
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	885 96
Expenditures on account Soldiers' and Sailors'	
Relief	218 53
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Total expenditures for the Poor of the Town,	\$1,313 49

TOWN RECORDS.

At the last annual meeting the sum of \$1,200 was appropriated for Town Records, with the understanding that it would cover the cost of publishing the tax lists from 1757 to 1827, inclusive. It has been found, however, that the cost of publishing exact copies of these lists will exceed \$4,000 — a sum which the Town probably would not for a moment consider it advisable to expend for this purpose. After careful consideration, the Board are of the opinion that the most valuable information to be derived from these lists can be conveyed by an abridged form of publication, which will bring the total cost within the unexpended balance of the appropriation; and they recommend that this be done by their successors during the ensuing year.

The Board are impressed with the importance of a speedy publication of the records of births, marriages, and deaths from 1712 to 1849; and their recommendation of an appropriation of \$500 is based upon the hope that this may be accomplished during the ensuing year.

The subjoined report of Miss Mary Frances Peirce bears witness to a continuance of her zealous and able interest in the work of preserving the Town Records:

To the Selectmen of Weston:

GENTLEMEN,—I have made “printer’s copy” of the Tax Lists of Weston, including Lists of Voters for the March Meetings, from 1757 to 1827 inclusive. These are tolerably complete. There is, however, a gap between 1777 and 1793. This is partially filled by the Voting Lists for those years, leaving still no record for the years 1783, 4, 5, 6, and 7. There are also a few Invoices, which are interesting as showing how articles have changed in value in the course of a hundred years.

After completing the copy, it was found that the cost for printing would be much greater than had been anticipated. The reason for this was that a much larger page would be required than for the previous volumes, and also because the new volume would be in great measure in tabular form, for which printers make double charge. An attempt has, therefore, been made to reduce the cost without diminishing the value of the record.

The early Lists enumerated the amounts paid by the polls, the real estate, the personal estate, and the income of each person, for the State, Town, County and Highway Taxes, separately, and then gave the sum total of each. By omitting the particulars, and giving only the valuations and sums total, and attaching a note showing how the particulars can be calculated, the page can be reduced to a size uniform with the other volumes (which is an advantage) without omitting anything essential. By means of the notes, the entire tax of any person can be reproduced by any one desirous of so doing.

As the work will still be tabular, the cost will be nearly that of the other two volumes already published; but it covers a number of years equal to that of both. The first volume was from 1746 to 1803; the second from 1804 to 1827. The Tax List volume, when

printed, will cover the years 1757 to 1827. These are accompanied by Valuation Lists, which the State Commissioner of Public Records considers very important.

Until 1809, these Lists are divided into North Side and South Side sheets, thus showing at once in what part of the town a person lived. At the same time, they are not alphabetically arranged; but follow, in a great measure, a certain order of location. So that, in some cases, the precise spot where a person lived can be determined.

The original Lists are in six large books, twenty-one and a half inches by sixteen, over five times the surface size of our printed volumes.

They are inconvenient to handle and without index. In their present form, they are practically useless for any one not accustomed to such study. When printed, any intelligent person can make use of them, and they become of historical value. Some of the copies, at least, will be in good preservation a hundred years from now, when the original and any copies will have faded beyond recovery or use.

These Tax Lists are important, because they preserve and illustrate our history as a town. They contain the names of many persons, born here and long resident, of whom there is no record elsewhere. The record of births, deaths, and marriages in every town in the Commonwealth is and has been very imperfect. I found it so in Woburn, a number of years ago, when hunting up my own genealogical record. I remember, in particular, two of the same name and nearly of the same age (one called Senior and the other Junior), not even related to each other, so far as known, whose births had never been recorded, but whose ages I was able to calculate very nearly, because they lived to be taxed.

The tax lists beyond 1827 can be consulted in their present shape, because they are already in books of convenient size and are alphabetically arranged, which allows them to be examined without an index. The present volume is the only one of the kind that need ever be printed; but it is very desirable that this one should be.

The only direct tax levied in the United States, previous to the War of the Rebellion, was made in 1798. The sheets for Massachusetts, so far as they are preserved, are in the New England Genealogical and Historical Rooms on Somerset Street, Boston. It is the only copy in existence. I had hoped to copy everything relating to Weston (names, estates, values, etc.), but have hesitated about doing this because it would add something to the cost of printing what we already

have. Yet this would be the time for it, and the time may never again occur.

By printing our Tax Lists, we become the pioneer town of the State in this respect, since no other has attempted such a work, although Boston has printed a few of her earliest taxes in much abridged form. Mr. Goodell, editor of the Province Laws, declared that the work would be "a mine of information."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY FRANCES PIERCE.

Survey of the Town.

Feb. 10, 1896, the subjoined letter was received:—

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 7, 1896.

SELECTMEN OF WESTON:

Dear Sirs,—I offer my services to your town to make a survey of its territory. I will survey each farm and lot in the township and give every owner a plan of his property, with distances, areas and last deed of record; will give its assessors plats covering the whole town; put on record a plan and profile of every road with the town clerk; and finally make a contour map of the whole town.

I will do all this on any scale desired (60 to 200 feet to an inch) on cloth-backed paper in a workman-like manner for fifty cents (\$0.50) per acre.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN N. McCLINTOCK.

As there are nearly eleven thousand acres within the limits of the Town, the cost of Mr. McClintock's proposed survey would be about \$5,500.

As this report is going to press, the Board have received an assurance from Messrs. Geo. H. Walker & Co. of Boston, that they will co-operate with Mr. McClintock in carrying out his proposed surveys for the sum of \$4,500.

Such a comprehensive survey as is outlined in the foregoing proposals would certainly be of very great value to the Town collectively and individually.

Miscellaneous.

April 13, 1895. The Board of Health were authorized under Section 18 of Chapter 491 of the Acts of 1894, to act upon all applications for license to slaughter cattle and other domestic animals.

In the McManus suits against the Town of Weston, the Supreme Court, during the month of September, 1895, overruled the plaintiffs' exceptions; thereby finally settling the cases in favor of the Town. Throughout a protracted litigation, these cases were conducted with signal ability by our counsel, George L. Mayberry, Esq.

The suits against the Town by which Ella E., Olive N. and Zenas G. Smith claim damages for injury to person and property incurred Jan. 23, 1894, by reason of an alleged defect in the roadbed of North Avenue, Weston, are still pending.

Nov. 5, 1895. The full Board were present and discharged their legal duties at the Annual State Election held at the Town Hall. A full account of the conduct of the election, together with the canvassing and counting of votes, and the returns thereof, will be found in the "Town Records for 1895," printed as an appendix to this volume.

Nov. 27, 1895. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen appeared before the County Commissioners at Kendal Green, in behalf of the Town of Weston, in the matter of the petition of the city of Cambridge, by their Water Board, for the temporary location and maintenance of a railroad across North Avenue near the residence of Mr. E. J. Brown. The Chairman stated that, in case the Commissioners grant the permit prayed for, the Town of Weston will require that the tracks shall be placed at the grade of the present roadbed; that gates shall be placed at the crossing, and the same

closed during the passing of all trains ; and that no rights, under said permit, shall extend beyond a period of two years from the date thereof.

In accordance with the wishes of the Town expressed at the last annual and at a subsequent special meeting, the Board have, at various times during the year, granted permits for the use of certain streets by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Newton and Watertown Gas Light Company and the Weston Aqueduct Company for the erection and maintenance of pole lines for telephone and electric light service ; and to the Weston Aqueduct Company for the laying and maintenance of pipes for the supply of water for domestic and fire purposes. Copies of these several petitions and permits will be found in the "Town Records for 1895," printed as an appendix to this volume.

At a special town meeting held May 26, 1894, it was —

Voted, That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the Town, to execute, acknowledge, and deliver deeds conveying such land belonging to the Town as lies between Glen Road and the estates abutting on that portion of Glen Road which was discontinued at the last annual meeting.

Provided, the owner of each such estate shall upon receipt of a deed for his portion of said land release the Town from any claim for damages in the matter of the relocation of Glen Road.

Acting in accordance with the above vote, the Board on Feb. 29, 1896, signed, sealed, acknowledged, and committed to the Town Clerk for delivery, a deed conveying a certain parcel of land on Glen Road to Edwin Walton, of Weston. The Town Clerk was instructed to deliver said deed to said Walton in consideration of a release by him of all claims

against the Town in the matter of the re-location of Glen Road.

During the year the Board have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of approved bills to the amount of \$44,055.29.

HENRY J. JENNISON,
FRANCIS BLAKE,
NATHAN S. FISKE,
Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The money appropriated for the highways at the annual town meeting has been expended on the several streets as follows : Ash Street, \$100 ; Bogle Street, \$75 ; Brown Street, \$25 ; Crescent Street, \$50 ; Central Avenue, \$900 ; Church Street, \$200 ; Chestnut Street, \$50 ; Concord Street, \$250 ; Elm Street, \$25 ; Forest Street, \$150 ; Glen Road, \$125 ; Highland Street, \$225 ; Lincoln Street, \$5 ; Merriam Street, \$150 ; East Newton Street, \$75 ; North Avenue, \$740 ; Newton Street, \$250 ; Oak Street, \$40 ; Pine Street, \$15 ; South Avenue, \$700 ; River Street, \$175 ; Summer Street, \$150 ; Sudbury Street, \$150 ; School Street, \$100 ; Viles Street, \$215 ; Wellesley Street, \$375 ; Winter Street, \$100. The remaining balance for incidentals necessary to the work, will be found in the "Report of the Auditor." The foregoing sums we do not claim to be exact in dollars and cents, as men and teams are often employed on connecting streets the same day, but they will approximate very nearly to the sums expended on each.

There are in the town about forty-three and one half miles of roads or streets : In districts No. 1 and No. 2, twelve and three quarters miles and thirty-one rods ; in No. 3 and No. 4 districts, ten and three quarters miles and thirty rods ; in districts No. 5 and No. 6, nineteen and seven eighths miles of road. District No. 3 has the smallest, less than four miles. District No. 5 has the largest number of miles, over ten and a half. In North Avenue there are two and five eighths miles. In Central Avenue there are three and a quarter miles

and twenty rods. In South Avenue there are four miles and twelve rods. Wellesley Street is the longest in town ; it is four and a quarter miles long. Cross Street is the shortest street, only thirty-eight rods long ; Fisk Avenue the shortest avenue, measuring seventeen rods.

There has not been any large amount spent at any particular place, but a general repairing of nearly all the streets. Very few of the streets but have had some repairs made. The streets at the end of the year will compare favorably with other years. The money that was left over last year, from the \$1,500 that was appropriated to build one hundred and nine rods of the new street that runs from South Avenue to Glen Road, has been spent, and the street is now in good condition for travel.

The County Commissioners were notified that Loring Street was ready for their acceptance ; the County Engineer came out and viewed the street, accepted it, and gave notice that the County would pay the \$100 according to agreement.

At a special town meeting held Nov. 27, 1895, Riverside Road from East Newton Street to Charles River was accepted and allowed as a town way as laid out by this Board. During the following month good progress was made in the building of this road, and on Feb. 5, 1896, the steel bridge connecting it with the City of Newton was finished.

While the establishment of direct communication with Riverside Station is undoubtedly of benefit to the general public, your Commissioners would not have recommended it if the scheme therefor had involved the payment of a major part of its cost by the Town ; but the liberal policy pursued by those who were to be most benefited by the scheme induced our ready and unanimous recommendation for its perfection by the Town.

As an example to those who in the future may wish the

Town to co-operate in improvements which are of prime importance to themselves, the preamble and petition relating to the laying out of Riverside Road are subjoined.

PREAMBLE.

The welfare of the inhabitants of the S. E. District of the Town of Weston will be promoted by the establishment of direct communication with the Riverside Station of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company.

For this purpose, the Boston Athletic Association and Francis Blake have bought the land for, and are about to build, a roadway forty feet wide, from Charles Street in the City of Newton to the banks of Charles River, and are building a substantial steel bridge, with stone abutments and piers, affording a roadway twenty feet wide across said river.

Provided the subjoined petition is granted, said Boston Athletic Association and said Blake agree to present to the City of Newton said roadway and such portion of said bridge as lies within the corporate limits thereof. And they further agree to present to the Town of Weston such portion of said bridge as lies within the corporate limits thereof.

On the Weston side it is desirable to connect said bridge with East Newton Street by a road forty feet wide, passing about 1,840 feet over land of the Boston Athletic Association and Francis Blake, and about 1,125 feet over land of Francis Blake; and said Association and said Blake agree to make no claim for damages in the matter of the laying out thereof.

About \$8,000 will be spent privately for the benefit of the Town in carrying out the foregoing scheme, and it is estimated that the construction of a roadway on the Weston side will call for an appropriation of \$2,000.

PETITION.

TO THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON:

Sirs, — The undersigned, owners of real estate in the Town of Weston, having carefully considered the foregoing preamble, respectfully petition you to lay out a new highway from East Newton Street to the Charles River, in accordance with the annexed plan, whereon the new highway prayed for is marked "Riverside Road."

The Boston Athletic Association,
by Henry Parkman, *President*.
Francis Blake.
Fred. V. Smith.
Geo. Seaverns.
John S. Murphy.
J. S. Gould.
W. P. Gould.
M. Seaverns.
Ralph Seaverns.
Stanley Seaverns.
Charles W. Hubbard.

E. Jennings.
Geo. Wyman.
Geo. N. Wyman.
Livingston Cushing.
Herbert Seaverns.
Benj. F. Cutter.
B. L. Young.
Sam'l C. Bennett.
F. E. Lane,
for D. W. Lane.
Edward Dooley.
Bancroft C. Davis.

21 OCTOBER, 1895.

With increasing demand for better roads and increasing travel, more cost for labor and materials and for sidewalks, we recommend for the ensuing year, for repairs on the highways, \$6,000 ; for crushed stone, \$500 ; for snow bills, \$300.

Guide boards are maintained at the following places, viz. : corner of North Avenue and Lexington Street, North Avenue and Church Street, North Avenue and Forest Street, Concord and Merriam Streets, North Avenue and Lincoln Street, Concord and Sudbury Streets, Central Avenue and School Street, Central Avenue and Wellesley Street, Wellesley and Newton Streets, Newton and Ash Streets, South Avenue and Wellesley Street, South Avenue and East Newton Street, South Avenue and River Street, River Street and Loring Street, Winter Street and Glen Road.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. F. CUTTER,
M. L. UPHAM,
T. E. COBURN,

Road Commissioners of Weston.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

	TERM EXPIRES.
CHARLES F. RUSSELL, <i>Chairman</i>	March, 1898
CARRIE E. BURRAGE	" 1897
ARTHUR L. COBURN	" 1896

HIGH SCHOOL.

JUSTIN E. GALE, *Principal, Spring Term.*

CHARLES M. EATON, *Principal, Fall and Winter Terms.*

SARAH W. HEARD, *Assistant.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled for Spring Term, 1895	49
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Fall Term, 1895	57
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Winter Term, 1895-96	57
Average membership	55
Average attendance	50
Number of scholars over fifteen years of age	51

Perfect in attendance 6 years, Minnora L. Brown ; 3 years, Frank A. Sherburne ; 2 years, Robert W. Tucker.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

EUDORA SANFORD, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled for Spring	
Term, 1895	35
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Fall	
Term, 1895	41
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Winter	
Term, 1895-96	40
Average membership	36
Average attendance	33
Number of scholars over fifteen years of age .	4
“ “ “ under twelve years .	3

Perfect in attendance 13 terms, Edward S. Coburn ; 3 terms, Hattie E. Jennings ; 3 terms, Charles E. Wark.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

EMILY L. KENNEY, *Teacher, Spring Term.*MARTHA A. PUTNEY, *Teacher, Fall and Winter Terms.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled for Spring	
Term, 1895	35
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Fall	
Term, 1895	34
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Winter	
Term, 1895-96	36
Average membership	35
Average attendance	33

CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

LILLIE I. DUNN, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled for Spring	
Term, 1895	55
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Fall	
Term, 1895	58
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Winter	
Term, 1895-96	51
Average membership	52
Average attendance	47

NORTHEAST PRIMARY SCHOOL — No. 4.

ANNA C. COBURN, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled for Spring	
Term, 1895	38
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Fall	
Term, 1895	38
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Winter	
Term, 1895-96	38
Average membership	37
Average attendance	35

Perfect in attendance 18 terms, Albert C. Coburn ; 11 terms, John Guthrie ; 6 terms, Leslie E. Stevens ; 5 terms, Mabel E. Dunn ; 4 terms, Harold W. Coburn, Raymond W. Coburn ; 3 terms, Maria F. May.

SOUTHEAST PRIMARY SCHOOL — No. 5.

LIZZIE J. VILES, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled for Spring	
Term, 1895	28
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Fall	
Term, 1895	32
Whole number of scholars enrolled for Winter	
Term, 1895-6	31
Average membership	29
Average attendance	26

Perfect in attendance 6 terms, Charles Jennings.

To the schools of Weston during the last year has come the loss of two bright, deeply cared for members. One loss was the result of a sad accident which cut short what promised to be a fine career and which aroused the sympathy of the whole community. The other was the long expected outcome of a fatal malady which was none the less sad because not unforeseen.

The School Committee reports that otherwise this has been a good year in the Weston schools. With them, as elsewhere, there has been light and shade, but the light has been the stronger and there has been progress in the care for education and in the means of attaining it.

There is little to report as to Districts No. 4 and No. 5. But no news is good news. The schools, under the direction of the teachers who have long given satisfaction to parents and Committee, have gone their accustomed way and sent up their usual quota of well prepared scholars to the Grammar School.

The number in Miss Dunn's school in the Primary room in the Central building has continued so large that to comply with the law as well as the feeling of the Committee an assistant teacher has been retained throughout the year. One of the pupils in the High School has again done this service. But should there be in the school for another year as large a number of scholars as has been taught in it for the last two years it may seem necessary to divide it and to use the entire time of a teacher.

In spite of the large number in this school and the meagre assistance given, Miss Dunn has continued to give results that have been satisfactory. In her room is imparted that love for knowledge which now outlasts any instruction the Town is able to give and carries our scholars into College and Technology.

The hope that the Committee expressed in its last report, that Miss Cutter might be able to resume her place in the Intermediate School, has not been realized. Though in much better health, she has not thought best again to teach. Miss Emily L. Kenney taught the school for the spring term, and Miss Martha A. Putney has had charge of it during the fall and winter terms. The Committee believes this school to be in an excellent condition and that the scholars might do work of a higher grade than has been required of them. If the Primary School should be divided, as spoken of above, it would no doubt be found possible to do some of the work now done in the Grammar School in what is now the Intermediate grades, and to take into the Grammar School work that is now done in the High School. Such a change would be in accord with the report of the Committee of Ten and the Committee of Fifteen; that is, in accord with the recommendation of the best educators of the present time.

The Grammar School has been again overcrowded. At

no time during the year have there been desks for all the members. When the High School moves into the new building, for the first time in many years adequate room can be provided for the Grammar School. The work being done is of the usual kind. The excellent discipline of the High School is largely due to the habits of restraint and self-government which the children gain in Miss Sanford's room.

At the end of the spring term of 1895 Mr. Gale resigned the place which he had so admirably filled as Principal of the High School. The Committee does not find it easy to state its gratitude to Mr. Gale. He took the High School when it was at its lowest ebb; when there was not enough interest in education in the Town to provide a graduating class. Under his administration the number in the High School more than doubled and interest increased in a most marvellous way. It does not seem possible that the old indifference can ever return, and for this change the Town can never be sufficiently grateful to Mr. Gale.

The Committee was most fortunate in securing as a successor to Mr. Gale the present High School Principal. Mr. Eaton has been fitted by education and experience to do first-class work, and he has so placed his gifts at the service of his pupils as to win both their respect and affection. He has entered into the plans of the Committee for the improvement, not only of the High School, but the other schools of the Town with complete loyalty and enthusiasm, and with his assistance the Committee looks forward to yet more satisfactory achievements in educational matters.

Mr. Eaton's report is here given :

WESTON, Feb. 24, 1896.

REV. CHARLES F. RUSSELL,
Chairman of School Committee.

Dear Sir, — I wish to make the following report in regard to the High School: —

The school is eagerly looking forward to its occupying the new building, now so nearly ready for it. The overcrowding in school-room, classroom, and hall is fortunately nearly at an end. It is to be hoped that the eminently suitable, tasteful, and commodious building which the school will soon be using will be an inspiration and encouragement to all connected with it.

There is an overcrowding of a different sort, however, in the school, the cause and nature of which I wish to explain, and the remedy for which I wish to state.

There are fifty-seven pupils in the school at present. Of these, seven, that is, twelve per cent, are definitely preparing for college or technical school, while several others are looking forward to more advanced normal school work. The interests of the pupils are as varied as would be the case in a much larger school; and as many courses are required to-day as would be the case if the school should grow to almost twice its present size.

The time of the two teachers of the school is applied at present to a total of eighty-five recitations per week. It seems almost unnecessary to state that under these conditions the time allotted to each recitation is inadequate. There is a hurrying of class after class which makes it impossible for the best of work to be done, for the slow scholar to be encouraged, or the dull scholar properly assisted.

In a crowded school the brighter pupils, the quicker minds, are those most benefited; and the slow, painstaking scholar, who really needs most the full benefit of the school, remains undeveloped. Special attention is needed for such pupils, and for this and many other reasons there should be more time for each class, and a larger teaching force.

Upon this weak point of the school, the occupation of the new building will have an important bearing. The physics and chemistry courses will be taught by laboratory methods, as was desired and recommended in last year's report by Principal Gale; furthermore, the work is to be done by a special assistant. The time thus gained

will be distributed among the other classes, and will afford some degree of relief.

It is earnestly desired that for the good of the school the whole of such a teacher's time may be applied to lessen the overcrowding of work and of classes now existing. One sort of crowding has been relieved by the action of the town; the school is no less in need of relief from the other sort of crowding in order to continue the course of improvement which has marked it for some years.

This is not asked merely in order to make the school a college-fitting school, or to put extra time upon those who are to continue their work elsewhere. It is asked for every pupil in school, and especially for those whose progress cost much work and self-denial to themselves and to their parents, who work slowly, and who require assistance and explanation in each detail. They constitute a large part of every school; toward them the teacher's most earnest efforts must be directed, and in their advance the greatest satisfaction is to be found. For them more than for any others is the additional assistance asked.

There is another benefit for the school which is within reach of the town with comparatively little expense; that is, the opportunity of placing apparatus for gymnasium work in the hall on the second floor of the new school building. Such apparatus would not cost a large sum, nor would it soon require renewal or repair.

The benefits of such a gymnasium would be very considerable. It is not possible in the limits of such a report as this to state why these benefits would accrue to the school, or why so many towns and schools are equipping and using gymnasiums. What these benefits are may be briefly stated as follows: First, the superfluous bodily energies of the pupils might be directed between sessions to useful exercises. Second, the carriage of the pupils might be made more erect, and their physical condition bettered. Third, there would be from this source a considerable help in establishing that school spirit which is such an aid to the success of every vigorous and growing school.

This gymnasium is something which is by no means essential to the good of the school, but which is so readily in reach as to make it most advisable to place it at the disposal of the pupils in the near future.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES M. EATON.

The School Committee has done what seemed best to meet Mr. Eaton's desires as to assistance in teaching — as will appear in what follows — but it has not asked for any appropriation for a gymnasium, thinking that this must be postponed till a year when fewer demands will be made upon the Town.

The new High School building is not yet ready. This is a great disappointment to the Committee, but it is now thought that the whole building may be used for the greater part of the spring term.

There has been much criticism of the new building, largely centred about the site. The site was selected by the Building Committee, and was approved in Town Meeting after a full discussion, and the School Committee might easily wash its hands of all responsibility in the matter, but since it holds now, as all the time, the present site to be the best, — in fact, possessing and using the old High School building, the only practicable place for a High School, — it is willing to share in whatever criticism may go with such an opinion, and to give reasons for holding it. The criticisms, as stated above, seem to centre about the appearance of the building. It is said it is in a hole; that it would look better on a hill; that it is not handsome enough, etc. The Committee can but think that all these remarks as to appearance are superficial, and do not approach the real merits of the case.

When it became necessary to provide a more fitting building for the use of the High School, justice to the tax-payers of the Town demanded that the building should be erected at as low a cost as would fully provide for the needs of the scholars; and, further, that it be so placed as to make its administration in years to come as efficient and economical as possible.

The essential problem was to afford the best means of

education for the children, but in all its recommendations the School Committee has never forgotten that there must be no extravagance, and that the best must be had at the lowest cost. It never understood that the Town desired, or was willing to erect, a public monument for the adornment of the Town, and placed where it would make the greatest æsthetic impression. Instead, it thought the Town desired a school building equipped for the best kind of High School work, and so placed as to do this work most easily and cheaply. The Committee believes that the Town now has such a schoolhouse in the new building; that the new house is admirably fitted to do the best kind of High School work; that the interests of the children have been in every particular considered, while the cost has been kept at the lowest possible point. Placed where the new building is, the schools that remain in the old building will still receive the care and oversight of the High School Principal, which care and oversight the Committee regard as essential to their further advance and which it wishes to increase, and these scholars will easily share in the new facilities for drawing, music, and manual training which the new building will afford. Further, the janitor that cares for the old building will also care for the new, with no appreciable increase of expense. Had the new building been placed only a short distance further away from the old the principal could not have overlooked the lower grade schools, the scholars of those schools could not so fully have enjoyed the use of the new building, and a new janitor must have been engaged at wages that would have been equal to an increase of fifty per cent in the cost of the new building. The Committee does not agree with those who condemn the appearance of the new building, or who think the situation unsightly; but as to matters of taste it knows that there will be differences.

But it protests against that criticism that condemns the new building for such a superficial reason as appearance, and which does not take into account those weighty considerations which have been mentioned.

The near completion of the new building opens up many possibilities. For the first time the Town will have a place where it can begin Manual Training. The Committee would like to provide a sewing and cooking teacher for the girls, and a teacher in the use of tools for the boys. Rooms have been provided in the new building for all of these and the Committee will be glad if the Town is now ready to begin this education. It does not wish, however, to press this, and asks the Town to express its mind in regard to engaging these teachers.

That the Town may have help in reaching a decision it has asked Mr. Everett Schwartz, a former citizen of Weston, and now the principal of the Waltham Manual Training School, one of the most successful schools in the country, to state the advantages of such a school and it will include his communication in this report.

The new building has also a room for a gymnasium, with a bath room and other like accommodations. Mr. Eaton thinks that it would be a help to his work to have this fitted up for his scholars. The Committee thinks that if this room were properly fitted up it might be offered to the younger citizens of the Town for their use on one or two evenings of the week and thus provide a pleasant meeting place for those who have outgrown the schools. But, as stated before, no appropriation is now asked for a gymnasium, though the Committee would be glad to have the matter considered.

The Committee asks for appropriations as follows : —

For general purposes, \$5,800. This is an advance of \$300

on last year. This sum will be applied to providing a teacher for the laboratory work which the new building makes possible.

For text-books, \$500; and for the conveyance of pupils, \$3,000. These sums are the same as asked last year.

For incidentals it asks for \$2,200. This is \$1,200 more than was asked last year, though only \$700 more than was given in 1894. Nearly the whole of this increase is for extraordinary expenses which will not occur again soon. The old High School building must be painted this year, and some repairs to the gutters and steps are absolutely necessary. Changes in the fences are necessary. New apparatus must be provided for the laboratory. The water supply which the Selectmen have carried to the old High School building must be made accessible. Some repairs are needed in the Primary School buildings. The Committee estimates that these extraordinary demands, which will not be made another year, can be met by the appropriation which it asks.

The music has remained under the charge of Mr. Boyd.

Miss Dix desiring to give all her time to the Newton schools, Miss Sarah E. Jewett has been engaged to teach drawing and the Committee believes that her work is giving satisfaction.

CHARLES F. RUSSELL,
ARTHUR L. COBURN,
CARRIE E. BURRAGE,

School Committee.

A LETTER ON MANUAL TRAINING.

FELLOW TOWNSMEN,—In complying with a request from your Committee to write this letter, I cannot persuade myself that there exists any feeling of opposition to the work of educational Manual Training, or that there is a need of any special pleading for the subject which is now engrossing your attention; at the same time it is true that after knowing of the very favorable testimonies of the great educators that are contained in our historical surveys of education, the world did not for many years give Manual Training a place even in the then existing theories of educational schemes but studiously avoided any mention of the subject.

But the times have changed, and the educational world, like the social, religious, and mechanical, has thrown off, to a great degree, the dead weights of prejudice, tradition, and time-honored courses; we have caught the spirit of such great lights and leaders as Comenius, Locke, Rousseau, Pestalozzi, and Froebel, and with the right principles in view are working towards something like unity along the lines of least resistance. We hope it may culminate in something like an ideal system, that will aid in an intense degree to that which is not the getting of knowledge alone but how to develop so as to use our knowledge in order to live wisely and each man to be able to think and to work out his thoughts.

We have come to the conclusion that heretofore there was not a single subject which could respond to the need of the activity existing in the child.

One cannot deny that the aim of instruction has been to develop the intelligence and memory of the pupils; it has been forgotten that they also have hands and eyes.

To give a complete education to human beings the training of the senses of touch and sight must not be neglected. In most professions keenness of sight and delicacy of touch have great importance; still there has existed in the schools no teaching destined to exercise these two very important senses.

The school in which the children are taught should be the school of life. Is there any other means of attaining this goal than through the help of Manual Training?

We find another reason for the adoption of this kind of teaching when we know the various aptitudes of the child. How many children we see following with the greatest difficulty, and no interest whatever, the school courses; many of them suffering from the situation of inferiority to their comrades in which they find themselves, having neither the faculty nor the desire to work in a purely intellectual course. It is to be feared that they, even in the school-room, are preparing themselves for a useless life, not knowing that they are gifted for a high and useful work.

The days of Yankee whittling are past, and with them the home industries, when the schools furnished food for intellectual growth, and the homes gave employment for the hands, and the children were taught in crude but honest ways many of the elementary principles of mechanical art,—practical and sound acquirement of knowledge, through which they made for themselves the connection and saw the application of their labors in the school to life's work. All the workmen in the shops were required to be thoughtful and skilful.

Now our country homes are being deserted and our cities crowded to overflowing, and our educational systems have not kept pace with our almost automatical mechanism which fills our homes and workshops with machines and machine-made articles. All this is achieved at the cost of the all-round

development of the mental, moral, and physical, because the machines are operated without much mental effort or skill, with the inevitable result that the mind and body during the work hours are robbed of that exercise which tends towards the upbuilding of noble thoughts, good morals, and a healthy body.

In our schools the children are taught abstractions, with little or no concrete forms, and are allowed to speculate and to try to reason from that standpoint. Indeed, the tendency is to lead the pupil to make his way by his wits alone; by this standard he gains no adequate conception of the dignity of labor. The trend of his thoughts, made so by his strictly literary course, is towards the counting-room rather than the workshop; the yardstick, rather than the try-square.

All success to inventions! and let the making of many good books go on, for, if used in the right way, they bring comfort and cheer to our homes; but if inventors, by over-taxed brains, swell the numbers of the insane, and if the influences of their inventions are not met with something which is elevating to the masses, then we have but to turn to facts in history to show that the high state of civilization which we now claim as ours will surely decline.

It is generally believed by those who are not conversant with the real object of Manual Training that trade-learning, or special dexterity of hand, is the end or aim of this departure in the schools.

It is true that the pupil, after conquering the many practical and difficult exercises that he is called upon to perform, becomes acquainted with the many different tools and instruments that are used by workmen in general, and that he has become skilful in general principles which apply to all trades and occupations in life; but to say that he is a finished workman in any one line would not be true.

The training in these schools should be such as would lead the pupils to see that their success in life depends upon their characters, which should be built of the everlasting truths that they themselves have seen and proved through well-directed work, investigation, and original thought; they would then see that it is what they are and what they can do for themselves and others that is recognized as truly valuable, and that fundamental truths are not found in books or written on the cuffs of a seat-mate.

The work of Manual Training helps to bridge the gulf between the existing ranks of society, and raises the intelligent workman to a higher plane of dignity, and shows the mutual dependence among men; it develops in every one a desire to be industrious, to truthfully express, to be accurate in thought and doing, to carefully observe, reflect, judge, and conclude.

A well-ordered course in Manual Training teaches the most valuable of what we study in arithmetic, geometry, drawing, and furnishes a foundation for physics.

Thousands of dull children, so called, would be able to grasp these subjects and cope with the difficult problems of life by the help of such realities in teaching.

The good work done in Manual Training in this country has already borne good fruit, and we have but to visit such schools to see for ourselves; to interview men who employ graduates to get results; to apply to presidents of colleges, of technical and commercial schools, to know of their hearty support, and learn from them all that pupils from the Manual Training schools come to them better prepared for their work than any other class of students.

No work like drawing and design, taught in connection with Manual Training, will so naturally create a taste for art; the study of art means history, literature, geography, and man.

Manual Training means coming into contact with all of the other established studies; it means influencing them, stimulating them, vivifying them, and, above all, makes them interesting.

We must remember that the child has no natural interest in instruction; the school gains its interest by forced and artificial means. Manual Training fosters these by furnishing the child something which is inherently interesting and provocative of speculation and consideration.

Manual Training thus becomes an important factor in the schools, and from it go out those streams which must be potential in their influence on all that pertains to the school life of the child, and while the theoretical and scholastic studies are to surrender in no sense to Manual Training, their coalescence with it is natural and co-relative.

In closing I will venture this hint, which you may call advice if you choose: a room with benches, tools, materials, a teacher, and a number of boys with no motive system or method is one thing, and Manual Training is quite another.

Respectfully,

EVERETT SCHWARTZ,

Waltham, Mass.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The general health of the town has been good the past year, as is shown by the death returns. The whole number of deaths was 24. Excluding 1 non-resident, 1 still-birth, 1 suicide, and 2 deaths caused by accidents, there remain 19 deaths from natural causes.

The population of the town being 1,710, the death rate is 11.11+ per thousand, which is very low, and sustains Weston's high rank among the most healthful towns of the State.

A noteworthy fact shown by the records of the past year is that one half the deaths were of persons over sixty years of age.

There has been but one case of measles the past year, while there have been 6 of diphtheria, and 8 of typhoid fever. The number of cases of typhoid fever might lead to the conclusion that there had been an epidemic of that disease. They were, however, widely scattered, and, with one exception, no two cases were apparently in any way connected, and nearly all were probably contracted out of town.

Mr. George W. Cutting was reappointed agent of the Board to receive death certificates and issue burial permits.

Two applications for licenses to board infants have been approved and the premises inspected.

One license to slaughter cattle has been granted for the year ending April 30, 1896.

At a meeting of the Board, April 24, 1895, Mr. Charles A. Freeman was appointed an undertaker.

Nine samples of well water have been sent to Amherst for analysis. The water from the school well at Kendal Green was pronounced *good*; and a sample from the Hastings Water-works (sent by request of Mr. Hastings) very good.

Following is a copy of a reply of the State Board of Health in answer to a request for advice in regard to source of supply for the new water-works.

OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, STATE HOUSE.
BOSTON, Aug. 2, 1895.

To the Petitioners for Incorporation under the Name of the
WESTON WATER AND ELECTRIC COMPANY:

GENTLEMEN: The State Board of Health has carefully considered your application dated April 30, 1895, relative to a proposed water supply for the town of Weston, has caused an examination of the proposed sources to be made by one of its engineers, and has analyzed samples of water from test wells driven by you in the low land north of Central Avenue.

The analysis of water from the test wells nearest Central Avenue showed that it had at some time been polluted and subsequently well purified by its passage through the ground, while the analysis of the water of one of the wells on the further side of the meadow from Central Avenue showed only a slight trace of previous pollution and a very thorough purification of the water by its passage through the ground.

The water as it came from the ground, except for a slight turbidity which would disappear after the wells were in constant use, was of excellent quality for all the purposes of a public water supply; but it is not improbable that the continuous draught of water from the ground at this place would cause the water which stands upon the meadow to filter downward, thereby making the water less attractive and palatable, and causing it to take up enough iron to render it unsuitable for laundry purposes.

The Board, therefore, advises you, before putting in works in this vicinity, to make further tests by driving wells in the low sandy land lying between the meadow and the railroad, and if these tests should show the existence of pervious material from which water of good quality can be pumped freely to a depth of twenty-five feet or more below the level of the meadow, it would then be advisable to locate the wells in the hard ground as far from the meadow as possible, as the water obtained in this way would be much less likely to deteriorate than if the wells were sunk in the saturated meadow.

The Board will advise you further in this matter, if you so request, after the additional tests have been made.

By order of the Board,

SAM'L W. ABBOTT,
Secretary.

During the past summer there has again been much complaint regarding city swill, and after much consideration, we have decided to issue no permits to feed city swill between May 1 and Nov. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. DICKSON, JR.

E. O. CLARK.

H. L. COOPER.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF BURIAL GROUNDS.

The Trustees of Burial Grounds report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896, as follows :—

The care of the several Grounds has been under the charge of F. G. Cooper, as superintendent.

An extra amount of work has been performed, but owing to the protracted drought and lack of water for sprinkling, it has been extremely difficult to keep the grounds in a satisfactory condition.

The special appropriation of \$500 has been expended, and nearly 4,000 feet of pipe laid in Linwood and Central Cemeteries and Linwood Avenue. Hereafter it will be possible for both to have proper care.

In Linwood, Ridge Path has been laid out and graded.

A great improvement has been made on the easterly side of Central Cemetery by the removal of four old and dilapidated tombs.

The Trustees will respectfully ask for a special appropriation of \$500 the coming season for the following purposes, to wit: To change the grade of lots on the southwesterly part of Linwood Cemetery, many of which have been sold, and some occupied, as it can be done at the present time at a nominal expense; to pave or concrete the gutters and gravel the roadway on the hill in Linwood Avenue.

A recent letter from the noted landscape gardener, Mr. G. A. Parker, who has made a careful study of the grounds,

contains the following paragraphs which may be of interest to the citizens of Weston : —

“For a cemetery location it is most excellent, — secluded among the trees, with a desirable undulating surface. The arrangement of driveways and paths is good, the drives skirting the edges of the hills and running through the valleys.

“The ideal cemetery of greatest beauty is what is commonly known as the ‘Lawn Cemetery,’ where different lots are not distinguished by independent grading, without sunken paths, and where the lawn mower can be run without interference from different grades or lot lines between plots included by the gravel walks and drives.

“It is the inharmonious grading of lots, the ‘fixing up’ of one lot independent of all others, that gives cemeteries their patchy, disagreeable appearance. This, however, has not been done so offensively here as in many country cemeteries.

“The opportunity of making this a beautiful rural cemetery is seldom equalled. Nature has done much for the spot; it only requires that man shall work in harmony with her.

“The results to be desired seem to me these: All stones for defining lots to be sunk level with the surface of the ground; all paths between lots to be of grass, and even with the adjoining lots; the gravel paths to be as few as possible, their edges to be two and one half inches below the sod, the centre crown to be level with the sod; no crowning grade to meet abruptly a level or straight grade, for such meeting can never look well, and this is the main defect here; longer lines of view, which can easily be obtained here. Not parallel lines, which contract, nor at right angles, which obstruct the view, but at an angle of from thirty to sixty degrees, which gives breadth and extent to the grounds, increasing their appearance of restfulness; an increase of the slightly concaved surfaces, meeting harmoniously the crowning surface of the hills; a judicious planting of the borders, corners, and public plots.

“To gain the greatest beauty from a spot in every way so well adapted for a cemetery does not necessarily mean a great outlay of money, but it does mean a well-digested grading plan, which, when completed, brings the entire cemetery together as a harmonious whole. If such a plan is adopted, then each lot as improved must conform to that plan; or, better yet, have the lots so graded before sold, with a clause in each deed that the grade cannot be changed without consent of the trustees. If each lot owner is to grade as he likes, or not at all, then the result must be broken and unsatisfactory as a whole.”

Sales of lots in Linwood Cemetery during the year were :
 No. 74, \$29.70 ; No. 117, \$23.00 ; No. 121, \$28.70 ; No.
 123, \$22.50 ; No. 199, \$27.00.

The year's financial showing is as follows : —

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$700 00	
Sale of lots	130 90	
Sale of grass	6 00	
Sale of wood	13 00	
Use of tomb	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$853 90

EXPENDITURES.

F. G. Cooper	\$308 40	
C. L. Keefe	37 22	
P. L. Newton	195 75	
Buttrick Lumber Co.	1 50	
Freeman Jennison	14 70	
Leslie E. Clark	85 64	
Frank G. Hews	49 80	
Luke Brenord	1 75	
Parker, Freeman & Co.	2 45	
Herbert Seaverns	20 00	
Charles Young	7 45	
E. O. Clark	8 44	
Chas. Jones	21 96	
G. W. Cutting & Sons	5 92	
E. L. Bemis	12 25	
W. E. Kingsbury	8 00	
W. Thayer	7 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$788 23	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$788 23	
J. Schwartz	7 75	
G. A. Parker	16 88	
A. H. Hews	24 00	
Trustees	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$851 86

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. COOPER.

A. H. HEWS.

L. F. UPHAM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$1,800 00
Expended for lighting and care of lamps	\$1,406 59
Chimneys, lamps, glass, etc.	175 70
Freight, cartage, and expressage	4 60
Time and expense of Committee	7 00
	<hr/> 1,593 89
Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$206 11

We are now maintaining one hundred and eighty lamps. The establishment of an electric plant in the town, brings up the question, "Shall the Town use electric lights for lighting the streets?" To your Committee it appears to be only a question of expense. If the company will light the streets that are now lighted, for a sum that the Town is willing to expend for lighting, we think it much better than the present oil lamps. We recommend that two thousand dollars be appropriated and that the Committee be empowered to contract for lighting all or a part of the streets now lighted, for a period of three or five years, at a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars per year.

HENRY L. BROWN,
HERBERT SEAVERNS,
NATHAN S. FISKE,
Committee.

NOTE:—Mr. Herbert Seaverns, after signing the foregoing report, wishes to state that he is not inclined to think the electric better than the oil lights — except in some cases. And that, in his opinion, the Committee should not be empowered to contract for electric lighting unless careful investigation convinces them that it is cheaper and better than the present system.

REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS.

To the Selectmen of Weston:

GENTLEMEN: In response to your request, the Board of Fire Engineers make the following report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896:—

Number of fires during year	20
Wood fires	14
Building fires	6
Amount loss on buildings and contents	\$6,599
Amount of insurance	2,754
Insurance paid	2,154
Loss on wood	300

The expenses of the fire department have been larger than we anticipated, owing in a measure to the changing of the fire alarm wires on Central Avenue. For expenses of the year see Auditor's Report.

The necessary repairs have been made to ladder trucks and tools and they are in good condition.

Ladder Company No. 2 has been reduced to ten men by taking six for hosemen from that company.

Eight hundred feet of hose has been purchased and arrangements have been made for a wagon to carry it in.

Subjoined are the reports of the two companies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. GUTHRIE,

Clerk.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

FOREMAN.

THOMAS E. COBURN.

ASSISTANT FOREMAN.

CARROLL L. BERRY.

CLERK.

ALBERT E. COBURN.

STEWARD.

RICHARD ATKINSON.

ENGINEMEN.

Nathan S. Fiske.	Thomas E. Coburn.
Albert E. Coburn.	Carroll L. Berry.
Albert L. Brown.	Arthur L. Vittum.
Richard Atkinson.	George N. Stevens.
Fred A. Tucker.	John S. Bamford.
Everett Vittum.	Harry L. Hall.
William Quinn.	Darius B. Vittum.

SUBSTITUTES.

Howard C. Richardson.	Robert H. Trask.
Ernest D. Lovewell.	Herbert E. Tyler.
George F. Vittum.	

The changes in the membership of this company during the year are as follows : —

Resigned,— Enginemen: John N. Guthrie, James Gilbert, Herbert Lewis, Alfred H. Garfield.

Elected,— Enginemen: William Quinn, Harry L. Hall, Darius B. Vittum. Substitute: George F. Vittum.

WESTON, MASS., Feb. 29, 1896.

TO THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS:

Dear Sirs,— In response to your request, I submit the following report of service rendered by Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 during the year ending this date:—

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 1895.

An alarm at 4 P. M., from Box 76, called fourteen members of this company to a fire on land of Miss Sarah Hagar on the line of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Fire caused by the train. On duty forty-five minutes.

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 1895.

At 5 P. M., twelve members of the Company responded to a still alarm for fire on land of the late Henry A. Gowing, caused by cars on Fitchburg Railroad. On duty thirty minutes.

FRIDAY, April 26, 1895,

An alarm at 1.45 P. M., from Box 78, called fourteen members of the Company to a fire in woods of George Ellis, on Lexington Street. Fire caused by hired men burning over woodland. On duty one hour.

FRIDAY, April 26, 1895.

An alarm at 3.45 P. M., from Box 78, called fourteen members to the woodlot of D. B. Vittum, adjoining land of George Ellis. The fire was set by Mr. Ellis' men, and got beyond their control. On duty one hour and thirty minutes.

SATURDAY, April 27, 1895.

A second alarm at 8.30 P. M., from Box 28, called twelve members to the residence of Mr. Andrew B. Driver, on Central Avenue. The fire originated in a small poultry house. On duty one hour and thirty minutes.

THURSDAY, May 23, 1895.

An alarm at 5.30 P. M., from Box 69, called thirteen members of the Company to a fire in woods at Silver Hill, on land of Albert Harding. On duty one hour.

SUNDAY, June 16, 1895.

A second alarm at 8 P. M., from Box 24, called five members of the Company to a fire in woods of Field Estate, near the residence of the late Benjamin F. Field. On duty two hours and thirty minutes.

FRIDAY, Nov. 29, 1895.

A second alarm at 9 A. M., from Box 26, called seven members of the Company to the residence of Mr. Edward Page on South Avenue, near school-house No. 5. The fire was in a shed adjoining the barn. The barn was saved, the fire being confined to the shed. On duty two hours.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. COBURN,

Clerk H. & L. No. 1, W. F. D.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

FOREMAN.

JAMES M. SMITH.

ASSISTANT FOREMAN.

J. W. TOZIER.

CLERK.

W. P. GOULD.

STEWARD.

CHARLES A. HEWS.

LADDERMEN.

James M. Smith.

J. W. Tozier.

W. P. Gould.

J. B. Corrigan.

H. E. King.

A. M. Cheney.

C. A. Hews.

N. Barker, Jr.

H. E. Hobbs.

Geo. Jones, Jr.

SUBSTITUTE LADDERMEN.

Edward Fiske.

Brenton H. Dixon, Jr.

John H. McAuliffe.

Jesse M. French.

Changes in membership since last report are : —

Resigned, — Laddermen: J. M. Heard, S. B. Ross, E. I. Clark.

Relieved from duty by Board of Fire Engineers, — Laddermen: P. J. McAuliffe, Louis N. Gowell, James Fenwick Lamson, Horace P. Heard, J. J. Brown, Frank H. Hews.

Elected, — Laddermen: Charles A. Hews, J. B. Corrigan, W. P. Gould. Substitute: Jesse M. French.

FEB. 29, 1896.

E. O. CLARK,

Chief Board of Fire Engineers, Weston, Mass.:

Dear Sir,—In response to your request I submit the following report of service rendered by Hook and Ladder 2, Weston Fire Department, from date of last report, Feb. 28, 1895:—

FEB. 17, 1895.

Fire in hen-house of Christopher H. Bryden, Jr. Alarm from Box 27 at 10.30 A. M., to which five members responded; dismissed at 1.00 P. M. At this fire, Ladderman A. M. Cheney met with a severe accident, from the effects of which he is still suffering.

APRIL 24, 1895.

Fire in grass on the estate of Mrs. Ellis. Alarm from Box 24 at 4.50 P. M., to which ten members responded; dismissed at 5.35 P. M.

APRIL 26, 1895.

Fire in woods on the estate of Osborne Harrington. Alarm from Box 27 at 1.35 P. M., to which eight members responded; dismissed, 4.20 P. M.

APRIL 27, 1895.

Fire in a brooder on A. B. Driver's estate. Alarm from Box 28 at 8.40 P. M. Call to which fourteen members responded; dismissed, 9.40 P. M.

MAY 3, 1895.

Fire in brush and woodland on Frank W. Bigelow's estate. Alarm from Box 28 at 3.10 P. M., to which ten members responded; dismissed, 5.45 P. M.

MAY 11, 1895.

Fire in woods on Frank J. Coburn's estate. Alarm from Box 26 at 3.40 P. M., to which thirteen members responded; dismissed, 4.10 P. M.

JUNE 16, 1895.

Fire in woods on estate of the late B. F. Field. Alarm from Box 26 at 8 P. M., to which eight members responded; dismissed, 10.30 P. M.

JUNE 17, 1895.

Fire in woods on estate of the late B. F. Field.
Alarm from Box 26 at 1.30 P. M., to which ten members responded; dismissed, 5.10 P. M.

SEPT. 30, 1895.

Fire in dry-house occupied by Kenney Bros.
Alarm from Box 24 at 10.30 A. M., to which twelve members responded; dismissed, 1 P. M.

OCT. 7, 1895.

Fire in woods on Mr. Francis A. Foster's estate.
No alarm; four members called to the fire at 3 P. M.; dismissed, 4.55 P. M.

OCT. 25, 1895.

Fire in brush and woodland on F. W. Bigelow's estate. Alarm from Box 28 at 1.15 P. M., to which six members responded; dismissed, 2.40 P. M.

NOV. 29, 1895.

Fire in out-buildings on Mr. Edward Page's estate.
Alarm from Box 26 at 8 A. M., to which fifteen members responded; dismissed, 10.55 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED P. GOULD,
Clerk H. & L. Co., No. 2, W. F. D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MARKING THE GRAVES OF SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

At the town meeting held in March last, the sum of one hundred dollars was appropriated to be expended in the purchase of the markers of the Society Sons American Revolution to be placed at the graves of Revolutionary soldiers buried within the Town limits. The Committee report the execution of this duty as follows, viz : —

The sum appropriated	\$100 00
Purchase of 65 markers	\$65 00
Payment made for the services of the gentlemen of the Committee, Cap- tain Bigelow and Mr. Fiske	10 00
	75 00
Leaving a balance in treasury of	\$25 00

The number of soldiers who served in the Revolution from the Town of Weston numbered one hundred and eighty-seven; of this number, the graves of only sixty-three have thus far been discovered, and all have been marked. A few more graves may be found later on. The majority of soldiers' graves are without headstones, and are now unknown to the descendants of such soldiers. The names of those soldiers whose graves have been marked are as follows, viz. : —

Nathaniel Allen,	1775	John Lamson,	1775
Converse Bigelow,	1775-76	Samuel Lamson,	1775-83
Alpheus Bigelow,	1775	Samuel Lamson, Jr.,	1780
Josiah Bigelow,	1775	Increase Leadbetter,	1775
Nathaniel Bemis,	1776	Thomas Marshall	1775-83
Ebenezer Brackett,	1775	Benjamin Peirce,	1775-76
John Bogle,	1755-63	Benj. Peirce, Jr.,	1775-76
Wm. Bogle,	1776-77	Joshua Peirce,	1776
Jonathan Child,	1775	Thaddeus Peirce,	1780
Benjamin Dudley,	1775-76	Thomas Russell,	1775
Jonathan Fiske,	1775-76	Thomas Rand,	1775
Samuel Fiske,	1775	Thomas Rand, Jr.,	1775-76-80
Nathan Fiske,	1776	Benjamin Rand,	1775
Abijah Fiske,	1775-76	Joseph Steadman,	1775-76
Isaac Flag,	1775-76	Joel Smith,	1775
John Flag,	1775	Daniel Stratton,	1775
Uriah Gregory,	1776	Elisha Stratton,	1775
Phineas Hagar,	1775	Samuel P. Savage,	1775-83
Nathan Hagar,	1775-76	Elisha Train,	1775
Isaac Hobbs,	1775	Samuel Train,	1775
Matthew Hobbs,	1775-80	Nahum Train,	1775
Nathan Hobbs,	1775	Elisha Train,	1775-83
Abraham Harrington,	1776	John Wright,	1775-76
Joel Harrington,	1775	Nathan Warren,	1775
Amos Harrington,	1776	John Warren,	1775
Jonas Harrington,	1775	John Warren, Jr.,	1775-76
Abraham Hews,	1775	Jonathan Warren,	1775-76
James Jones,	1775	Micah Warren,	1775-76
Amos Jones,	1775	Jedediah Warren,	1776
Lemuel Jones,	1775	Samuel Woodward,	1775
Lot Jennison,	1775	Samuel Woodward, Jr.,	1775
Joseph Jennison,	1775	Joseph Whitney,	1775
Elijah Kingsbury,	1775-76	Thomas Upham,	1775
Rev. Dr. Kendall,	1775-6-7	Phineas Upham,	1775

The Committee would add for the information of the Town that interesting lists exist of the men of Weston who took part in the Colonial Wars of King Philip, and also of the French and Indian Wars, — 1753-55-58 and also 1675-6.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

D. S. LAMSON,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

The Board of Assessors submit the following report : —

Number of residents assessed on property	316
“ “ others “ “ “	58
“ “ non-residents assessed on property	38
“ “ others “ “ “	16
“ assessed on property	428
“ assessed for poll tax	524
“ “ “ “ “ only	282
“ of acres of land assessed	10,629 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ “ houses assessed	344
“ “ horses “	498
“ “ cows “	913
“ “ neat cattle other than cows assessed	91
“ “ swine assessed	251
“ “ fowls “	2,915
Value of land exclusive of buildings \$775,185	
“ “ buildings exclusive of land 899,405	
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Value of real estate	\$1,674,590 00
“ “ personal estate	1,222,820 00
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Total valuation	\$2,897,410 00
State tax	\$2,145 00
County tax	3,366 52
Town tax	18,136 73
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Total tax	\$23,648 25

Assessed on personal estate	\$9,538 22
“ “ real estate	13,062 03
“ “ polls	1,048 00
Total assessed	<u>\$23,648 25</u>

Abatements	\$128 80
Added taxes	410 92

HENRY L. BROWN,
DAVID W. LANE,
NATHAN S. FISKE,

Assessors.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Bills Prior.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Discount and abatements . . .	\$10 00
Theo. Jones, care of town clock, 1893-94	25 00
Theo. Jones, care of town flag, 1893-94	5 00
Theo. Jones, sundry items . . .	1 50
E. O. Clark, Inspector of Cattle .	77 50
J. E. Gale, Registrar March 1, 1895	30 00
W. H. Coburn, Teller at Elections .	7 00
	156 00
Balance unexpended	\$144 00

Fire Department.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Sundry persons, maintenance of Fire Department, as per bills	\$800 65
	800 65
Balance overdrawn	\$0 65

Fire Alarm.

Appropriation, balance unexpended, March 1,		
1895	\$262	17
H. E. Hobbs, labor and stock, as per		
bill	\$262	96
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Balance overdrawn		\$0 79

Highways.

B. F. Cutter, Road Commissioner.

Appropriation	\$5,700	00
Transferred from East Newton Street Bridge .	123	32
Transferred from New Street from South		
Avenue to Glen Road	40	44
Transferred from Forest Street	3	44
Transferred from Loring Street	38	72
Transferred from Snow Bills	207	38
April. Self, 13 days	\$32	50
men, 46 days	80	50
horses, 47 days	76	37
May. Self, 17 days	42	50
men, 61 days	106	75
horses, 57 days	92	62
C. A. Warren, as per bill .	320	80
June. Self, 9 days	22	50
men, 33½ days	58	63
horses, 25 days	40	62
labor on Glen Road, as per		
bill	36	87
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$910 66	\$6,113 30

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$910 66	\$6,113 30
July.	Self, 8½ days . . .	21 25	
	men, 31 days . . .	54 25	
	horses, 27 days . . .	43 87	
Aug.	Self, 8 days . . .	20 00	
	men, 22 days . . .	38 50	
	horses, 23 days . . .	37 37	
Sept.	Self, 10 days . . .	25 00	
	men, 29 days . . .	50 75	
	horses, 34 days . . .	55 25	
	George Lovewell, as per bill,	2 50	
	C. A. Warren, as per bill .	137 08	
Nov.	Self, 4 days . . .	10 00	
	men, 28 days . . .	49 00	
	horses, 12 days . . .	19 50	
	C. A. Warren, as per bill .	172 60	
Dec.	Self, 2 days . . .	5 00	
	men, 8 days . . .	14 00	
	horses, 8 days . . .	13 00	
	George Lovewell, as per bill,	1 50	
	C. A. Warren, as per bill .	38 24	
	C. A. Warren, as per bill for July . . .	76 50	
M. L. Upham, Road Commissioner.			
April.	Self, 8 days . . .	20 00	
	men, 66 days . . .	115 50	
	horses, 41 days . . .	66 62	
May.	Self, 24½ days . . .	61 25	
	men, 144 days . . .	252 00	
	horses, 92½ days . . .	150 31	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$2,461 50	\$6,113 30

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$2,461 50	\$6,113 30
	G. W. Thompson, as per bill,	90 00	
	J. H. Hussey, as per bill .	32 38	
June.	Self, 19 days . . .	47 50	
	men, 126½ days . . .	221 37	
	horses, 69½ days . . .	112 93	
	D. J. Eldridge, as per bill .	35 00	
July.	Self, 15½ days . . .	38 75	
	men, 93 days . . .	162 75	
	horses, 58 days . . .	94 96	
	F. T. Fuller, as per bill .	6 00	
	J. H. Hussey, as per bill .	26 13	
	J. E. Burke, as per bill .	5 80	
Aug.	Self, 4 days . . .	10 00	
	men, 18 days . . .	31 50	
	horses, 17½ days . . .	28 43	
	J. E. Burke, as per bill .	9 00	
Sept.	Self, 13½ days . . .	33 75	
	men, 74 days . . .	129 50	
	horses, 51½ days . . .	83 69	
Oct.	Self, 13 days . . .	32 50	
	men, 50 days . . .	87 50	
	horses, 33 days . . .	53 62	
Nov.	Self, 8½ days . . .	21 25	
	men, 36 days . . .	63 00	
	horses, 25 days . . .	40 62	
Dec.	Self, 10½ days . . .	26 25	
	men, 48½ days . . .	84 87	
	horses, 30½ days . . .	49 56	
	J. E. Burke, as per bill .	22 00	
1896.			
Jan.	M. L. Upham, as per bill .	41 12	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$4,183 23	\$6,113 30

Amounts brought forward, \$4,183 23 \$6,113 30

T. E. Coburn, Road Commissioner,

May.	Self, 13 days	\$32 50
	men, 87½ days	153 12
	horses, 61 days	99 12
June.	Self, 10½ days	26 25
	men, 74 days	129 50
	horses, 57½ days	93 43
July.	Self, 11 days	27 50
	men, 72½ days	126 88
	horses, 53¼ days	86 53
Sept.	Self, 3 days	7 50
	men, 15½ days	27 13
	horses, 8 days	13 00
Oct.	Self, 6½ days	16 25
	men, 52½ days	91 87
	horses, 28¾ days	46 71
Nov.	Self, 13¾ days	34 37
	men, 63¼ days	110 69
	horses, 41 days	66 62
Dec.	Self, 4½ days	11 25
	men, 20½ days	35 87
	horses, 14½ days	23 56

Incidentals.

Aab & Co., surveying	\$6 00
I. W. Hastings, surveying	13 65
B. F. Cutter, sundries	13 00
G. A. Hirtle, repairing tools	22 67

Amounts carried forward, \$5,498 20 \$6,113 30

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$5,498 20	\$6,113 30
D. J. O'Donnell, repairing tools	8 15	
Ames Plow Co., articles for highways	11 60	
American Road Machine Co., articles for highways	8 50	
Buttrick Lumber Co., lumber	25 48	
G. F. Frost, lumber	2 88	
Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone	142 00	
A. Loker, gravel	6 00	
J. A. Bowman, gravel	39 00	
Charles Jones, gravel	22 20	
N. S. Fiske, gravel	27 00	
H. Leadbetter, gravel	16 00	
D. Spear, gravel	48 00	
J. Schwartz, gravel	5 00	
A. Jones, gravel	2 75	
City of Cambridge, gravel	20 00	
D. Jacobs, gravel	16 00	
Sarah Hagar, gravel	71 70	
W. Sibley, drain pipe	18 45	
A. H. Hews, drain pipe	6 75	
Rutter & Rideout, drain pipe	3 75	
Davis & Farnum, drain pipe	11 70	
H. F. Wheeler, snow plough	65 00	
T. E. Coburn, sundries	7 50	
Geo. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for highways	21 91	
Parker, Freeman & Co., articles for highways	7 78	
	<hr/>	\$6,113 30

Loring Street.

Appropriation, bal. unexp'ded, March 1, 1895,	\$147 72
B. F. Cutter, as per bill	\$109 00
Transferred to Highways	38 72
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	\$147 72

East Newton Street Bridge.

Appropriation	\$200 00
B. F. Cutter, as per bill	\$14 87
Waltham Lumber Co., lumber . . .	61 81
Transferred to Highways	123 32
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	\$200 00

Forest Street.

Appropriation, bal. unexp'ded, March 1, 1895,	\$126 45
T. E. Coburn, as per bill	\$123 01
Transferred to Highways	3 44
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	\$126 45

New Street from South Avenue to Glen Road.

Appropriation, bal. unexp'ded, March 1, 1895,	\$303 56
B. F. Cutter, as per bill	\$195 37
C. A. Warren, as per bill	67 75
Transferred to Highways	40 44
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	\$303 56

Snow Bills.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
B. F. Cutter, as per bill	\$15 10	
M. L. Upham, as per bill	28 79	
T. E. Coburn, as per bill	22 16	
F. B. Ripley, as per bill	4 70	
P. L. Newton, as per bill	6 45	
G. A. Hirtle, as per bill	2 70	
Transferred to Highways	207 38	
	<hr/>	287 28
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$212 72

Library.

Appropriation, Dog Tax	\$359 75	
Dog Tax refunded	\$359 75	
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Cemeteries.

Appropriation	\$700 00	
Transferred from sale of lots	151 86	
F. G. Cooper, labor as per bill	\$320 45	
P. L. Newton, labor as per bill	195 75	
F. Jennison, labor as per bill	14 70	
F. G. Hews, labor as per bill	49 80	
L. E. Clark, labor as per bill	85 64	
E. O. Clark, labor as per bill	8 44	
W. Thayer, labor as per bill	7 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward, .</i>	\$681 78	\$851 86

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$681 78	\$851.86
E. L. Bemis, labor as per bill	12 25	
W. E. Kingsbury, articles for cemeteries	8 00	
C. L. Keefe, articles for cemeteries	37 22	
Geo. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for cemeteries	5 92	
Parker, Freeman & Co., articles for cemeteries	2 45	
Charles Jones, gravel	20 61	
J. Schwartz, loam	7 75	
H. Seaverns, flowers	20 00	
A. H. Hews, fertilizer	24 00	
G. A. Parker, landscape engineer	16 88	
Trustees	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$851 86

Schools.

Appropriation	\$5,500 00	
Massachusetts School Fund	219 00	
Justin E. Gale, Principal High School,	\$500 00	
C. M. Eaton, Principal High School,	878 33	
Sarah W. Heard, Assistant High School	605 37	
Eudora Sanford, Grammar School	550 00	
Emily L. Kenney, Intermediate School,	142 10	
Martha A. Putney, Intermediate School	304 03	
Lillie I. Dunn, Centre Primary School,	500 00	
Anna C. Coburn, Primary No. 4	550 00	
Lizzie J. Viles, Primary No. 5	500 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$4,529 83	\$5,719 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$4,529 83	\$5,719 00
Annie Lewis, Assistant Centre Pri- mary	111 00	
W. N. Jennings, Assistant	5 38	
Martha M. Dix, Drawing	128 38	
Sarah E. Jewett, Drawing	121 62	
C. E. Boyd, music	450 00	
Transferred to Text-books	167 88	
Transferred to Incidentals	97 68	
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Balance unexpended		\$107 23

School Incidentals.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Transferred from Schools	97 68
Transferred from Conveyance of Pupils	226 75
J. M. Smith, janitor High School building	\$450 00
J. M. Smith, labor as per bill	7 47
E. L. Bemis, labor as per bill	11 00
A. Anderson, labor as per bill	10 00
L. Clark, labor as per bill	6 00
A. M. Upham, labor as per bill	4 70
J. E. Burke, labor as per bill	54 56
T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill	2 50
John Guthrie, care of room No. 4	10 00
Frank Lewis, care of room No. 4	4 00
Ernest White, care of room No. 5	4 00
Charles Jennings, care of room No. 5	5 00
Otis Whitcomb, care of room No. 5	4 00
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$573 23 \$1,324 43

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$573 23	\$1,324 43
George S. Perry & Co., articles for schools	58 27	
J. E. Gale, articles for schools	1 85	
C. E. Boyd, articles for schools	1 50	
George H. Ellis, articles for schools	5 25	
H. H. C. Bingham, articles for schools	3 00	
H. C. Kendall, articles for schools	1 50	
N. Boynton & Co., articles for schools	7 25	
C. L. Keefe, articles for schools	8 73	
G. W. Thompson, articles for schools	5 00	
G. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for schools	20 27	
F. H. Kirwin, articles for schools	59 02	
Shady Hill Nursery, plants	7 59	
P. J. McAuliffe, horse hire	5 00	
Geo. A. Foote, coal	519 51	
E. Jennings, wood	28 50	
E. W. Russell, painting	2 00	
Buttrick Lumber Co., lumber	6 36	
C. T. Sherman, repairing clock	1 00	
E. L. Barry, printing	5 00	
American Express Co., express	4 60	
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Text-Books.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Transferred from Schools	167 88	
Geo. S. Perry & Co.	\$223 02	
J. L. Hammett	3 22	
Ginn & Co.	92 24	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$318 48	\$567 88

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$318 48	\$667 88
D. C. Heath & Co.	32 47	
Leach, Shewall & Sanborn	15 57	
University Publishing Co.	24 18	
American Book Co.	34 17	
Carl Schöenhof	1 14	
Boston School Supply Co.	16 84	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	14 32	
Wm. Ware & Co.	1 15	
Lee & Shepard	7 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co.	8 12	
J. D. F. Brooks	10 60	
Briggs & Briggs	52	
J. H. H. McNamee	11 05	
Franklin Educational Co.	166 62	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	4 05	
S. C. Griggs & Co.	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$667 88

Conveyance of Pupils.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
F. T. Fuller	\$445 00
Jesse Caunt	534 00
Edward Jennings	445 00
P. J. McAuliffe	1,349 25
Transferred to Incidentals	226 75
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	\$3,000 00

Town Incidentals.

Appropriation	\$3,300 00
A. Mudge & Son, printing town re- ports	\$218 45
A. Mudge & Son, printing	33 00
E. L. Barry, printing	41 50
R. Rand, distributing town reports	2 50
C. Barker, distributing town reports,	5 00
E. L. Bemis, labor as per bill	28 25
J. M. Smith, labor as per bill	25 50
J. M. Smith, janitor Town Hall	107 25
Waltham Coal Co., coal	54 00
Geo. A. Foote, coal	52 50
H. L. Brown, clerk at State election,	3 00
H. L. Brown, articles for assessors	9 65
H. L. Brown, Ex. Bank and Cor- poration Tax	20 00
H. E. Hobbs, sundry items	19 00
H. E. Hobbs, telephone location	16 50
N. S. Fiske, sundry items	32 81
Forbes Lithograph Co., sundry items,	10 00
T. Groom & Co., record book	6 25
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., stationery	2 50
Whitten & Cass, stationery	3 25
American Express Co., express	7 75
P. B. Murphy, stationery	4 59
Committee Memorial Day	87 55
J. A. Fox, orator Memorial Day	10 00
H. P. Heard, police	12 12
N. Barker, Jr., police	3 00
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$815 92 <hr/> \$3,300 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$815 92	\$3,300 00
P. L. Newton, police	3 00	
R. Atkinson, police	3 00	
C. A. Freeman, constable	12 50	
M. French, constable	7 50	
P. J. McAuliffe, horse hire for police,	2 00	
Sundry persons, maintenance Fire		
Department	167 25	
E. O. Clark, Chief Engineer Fire		
Department	64 06	
J. C. Paige, insurance on Town		
Records	5 63	
Home Ins. Co., insurance on frame		
High School building	66 00	
Imperial Ins. Co., insurance on frame		
High School building	60 00	
Imperial Ins. Co., insurance on		
Library	86 25	
Fire Association, insurance on Town		
House	93 75	
German American, insurance on brick		
High School building	25 00	
Liverpool, London & Globe, insur-		
ance on brick High School build-		
ing	25 00	
Phoenix Insurance Co., insurance on		
brick High School building	25 00	
Home Insurance Co., insurance on		
brick High School building	25 00	
Traders & Mechanics, insurance on		
frame High School building	40 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$1,526 86	\$3,300 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1,526 86	\$3,300 00
Fire Association, insurance on frame		
High School building	30 00	
Fire Association, insurance on		
Library	37 50	
Imperial Insurance Co., insurance on		
fire apparatus	15 00	
Palatine Insurance Co., insurance on		
fire apparatus	25 00	
Imperial Insurance Co., insurance on		
brick High School building	25 00	
Fire Association, insurance on brick		
High School building	25 00	
Imperial Insurance Co., insurance on		
Town House	25 00	
Traders & Mechanics, insurance on		
Town House	24 00	
City of Waltham, care of tramps . . .	6 50	
Massachusetts Board of Health . . .	3 00	
M. D. Jones & Co., markers for graves		
of Revolutionary Soldiers	60 00	
Lovewell Arms Co., sundry items . . .	16 88	
J. S. Gould, sundry items	10 96	
G. W. Cutting, return of births,		
deaths and marriages	37 45	
G. W. Cutting, sundry items	20 81	
Geo. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for		
Town Hall	38 82	
F. J. Barnes & Co., binding books . .	35 10	
W. P. Hannaford & Co., articles for		
library	2 75	

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$1,965 63	\$3,300 00
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1,965 63	\$3,300 00
Parker & Freeman, articles for library	4 00	
Barry, Beal & Co., articles for library,	2 25	
Library Bureau, articles for library	6 00	
Orpin Brothers, articles for library	16 00	
T. D. Stratton, articles for library	1 00	
F. J. Barnard & Co., articles for library	17 42	
C. T. Sherman, repairing clock	1 00	
J. Burke, labor on library site	11 68	
F. H. Upham, return of deaths 1892-93 and 94	9 25	
E. W. Russell, painting	312 68	
F. H. Bradford, sundry items	8 94	
Hook & Hastings, tuning piano	3 50	
Edward Fiske, examining title	15 00	
Town of Lincoln tax	6 92	
G. L. Mayberry, legal services	250 00	
T. O. Metcalf & Co., sundry items	4 75	
P. P. Capron & Brother, sundry items	6 60	
F. H. Kirwin, labor and stock as per bill	66 89	
F. W. Jackson, M. D., return of births and deaths	8 75	
W. H. McOwen, M. D., return of birth	25	
H. J. White, stationery	19 73	
Miss C. S. White, stationery for library	3 14	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$2,741 38	\$3,300 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$2,741 38	\$3,300 00
F. H. Kirwin, sundry items	8 00	
E. O. Clark, inspector of cattle	115 25	
E. O. Clark, articles for Board of Health	28 75	
L. E. Clark, labor as per bill	2 50	
Theo. Jones, care of town clock	25 00	
Theo. Jones, care of town flag	5 00	
Theo. Jones, painting	31 50	
J. J. Brown, labor and stock at Library site	11 60	
Daniel Smith, teller at elections	3 00	
F. D. Perry, teller at elections	3 00	
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Balance unexpended		\$325 02

Street Lights.

Appropriation	\$1,800 00
D. B. Vittum, care of lights	\$437 90
P. L. Newton, care of lights	565 93
H. Seaverns, care of lights	238 47
Geo. A. Walker, care of lights	71 50
W. C. Cooper, care of lights	102 48
Globe Gas Light Co., articles for street lights	153 65
H. L. Brown, articles for street lights	12 90
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	1,582 83
Balance unexpended	\$217 17

Town Officers.

Appropriation	\$2,600 00
H. J. Jennison, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	\$290 00
Francis Blake, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	65 00
N. S. Fiske, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	65 00
H. L. Brown, Assessor	125 00
N. S. Fiske, Assessor	100 00
D. W. Lane, Assessor	40 00
Alice Jones, Clerk for Assessors	60 00
C. F. Russell, School Committee	250 00
A. L. Coburn, School Committee	100 00
Carrie E. Burrage, School Committee	100 00
Elizabeth S. White, Librarian	400 00
O. R. Robbins, Library Committee	36 00
H. J. White, Treasurer and Collector	500 00
H. A. Train, Auditor	100 00
Geo. W. Cutting, Town Clerk	150 00
Geo. W. Cutting, Registrar	40 00
E. O. Clark, Board of Health	25 00
B. H. Dickson, Jr., Board of Health	25 00
H. L. Cooper, Board of Health	25 00
M. Lucy French, Clerk for Librarian	6 00
	<hr/> 2,502 00
Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$98 00

Brick High School Building.

Appropriation	\$20,000 00
Ellen Sears, land	\$400 00
Alfred H. Hines, on account as per contract	9,000 00
Cabot, Everett & Mead, on account as per contract	400 00
L. M. Hastings, Civil Engineer	10 00
W. A. Mason & Son, Civil Engineer	45 00
A. M. Upham, labor as per bill	922 30
F. A. Robinson & Son, labor as per bill	69 54
S. B. Ross, labor as per bill	1 60
H. L. Cooper, labor as per bill	2 50
J. E. Burke, labor as per bill	32 44
Osgood & Hart, articles for Brick High School Building	22 00
Portland Cement Co., articles for Brick High School Building	43 20
C. L. Keefe, articles for Brick High School Building	13 75
Weston Aqueduct Co. articles for Brick High School Building	68 07
L. M. Ham, iron work	35 00
L. Peterson, mason work	23 37
A. Drennan, heating, on account as per contract	400 00
	<hr/> 11,488 77
Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$8,511 23

Hose and Hose Wagon.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co.	\$420 50
Parker, Freeman & Co.	44 88
H. J. Jennison, stove	12 00
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Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$322 62

Riverside Road.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
B. F. Cutter, as per bill	\$268 72
Ralph Seaverns, as per bill	58 50
C. A. Warren, as per bill	74 77
R. W. Dennison, as per bill	49 72
Aspinwall & Lincoln, Civil Engineers	36 00
	<hr/> 487 71
Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$1,512 29

Town Records.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Geo. W. Cutting, copying records	\$54 00
Mary F. Peirce, copying records	300 00
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Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$846 00

Support of Poor.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Support at Almshouse	\$209 00
Outside relief	1,233 83
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	1,442 83
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Balance unexpended	\$57 17

Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief.

Appropriation	\$250 00
J. H. Wright, board of W. S. Rice,	\$208 53
H. B. Sanderson	10 00
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	218 53
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Balance unexpended	\$31 47

Discount and Abatements.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Transferred from Interest	3 68
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Amount	\$1,203 68

Interest.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Amount	\$1,180 45
Transferred to Discount and Abate- ments	3 68
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	1,184 13
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Balance unexpended	\$15 87

Contingencies.

Appropriation, Art. 15 of By-Laws		\$501 13
J. E. Burke, labor as per bill,		
Library lot	\$95 43	
M. D. Jones & Co., drinking trough,	117 60	
Weston Aqueduct Co., piping for water		
supply to town buildings	276 15	
H. E. Hobbs, labor as per bill	11 95	
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Military Aid.

John Finn	\$104 00
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State Aid.

Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson	\$24 00	
Mrs. Martha Tucker	48 00	
Hosea F. Traverse	40 00	
Lemuel A. Smith	40 00	
George Walker	6 00	
Ellen D. Guilford	36 00	
D. J. Roberts, undertaker for Geo.		
Walker	35 00	
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DR. Auditor in Account with Treasurer and Collector.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1895	. \$1,147 20
Auctioneer's license	2 00
Slaughter house license	1 00
Weighing fees	53 85
Sale of burial lots	130 90
Interest on Burial Fund	13 50
Sale of grass, wood, and use of tomb	23 00
Town Records	25 22
Rent of house on Library site	309 50
Rent of school-house No. 1	10 00
Town of Sunderland, care of R. Blodgett	243 59
Tuition of scholars	37 00
City of Cambridge	76 00
City of Boston, board of Susan Hall refunded	111 12
County of Middlesex, dog tax refunded	353 40
Support of State pauper	32 14
Military aid	60 00
State aid	168 00
Massachusetts School Fund	219 00
Bequest of Henry A. Gowing	5,000 00
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans	5,500 00
New England Trust Co., temporary loans	8,500 00
Massachusetts Corporation Tax	14,544 60
Balance Corporation Tax, 1894	1,403 73
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$37,964 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$37,964 75
Bank Tax	2,758 60
C. N. Barnard & Co., Town Notes .	20,000 00
C. N. Barnard & Co., premium and interest on Town Notes	388 88
Tax of 1893	317 32
Tax of 1894	1,581 04
Tax of 1895	21,776 63
Added tax of 1895	414 92
Interest on taxes	57 11
Uncollected taxes	2,341 90
	<hr/> \$87,601 15

Auditor in Account with Treasurer and Collector. CR.

Bills Prior	\$156 00
Schools	5,346 21
School Incidentals	1,324 43
Text-Books	667 88
Conveyance of Pupils	2,773 25
Town Incidentals	2,974 98
Support of Poor	1,442 83
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	218 53
Military Aid	104 00
State Aid	229 00
Fire Department	800 65
Fire Alarm	262 96
Highways	6,113 30
Loring Street	109 00
Snow Bills	79 90
Riverside Road	487 71
East Newton Street	76 68
New Street from South Avenue to Glen Road	263 12
Forest Street	123 01
Town Officers	2,502 00
Cemeteries	851 86
Library	359 75
Town Records	354 00
Hose and Hose Wagon	477 38
Street Lights	1,582 83
Brick High School Building	11,488 77
Discount and Abatements	1,203 68
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$42,373 71

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$42,373 71
Interest	1,180 45
Contingencies	501 13
State Tax	2,145 00
County Tax	3,386 52
Waltham National Bank, Temporary Loans	5,500 00
Waltham National Bank, Stone Bridge and Central Avenue Loans	7,500 00
New England Trust Company, Tem- porary Loans	8,500 00
C. H. Fiske, Trustee	1,500 00
Court Orders, and Recording Deed .	62 31
F. W. Marston, Land	100 00
F. G. Cooper, care of Burial Lots .	12 00
Due Collector on Abatements for 1895.	100 60
Cash in Treasury	12,397 53
Uncollected Taxes	2,341 90
	<hr/> \$87,601 15

Debt of the Town.

Library Fund	\$7,400 00
Merriam Fund	3,408 00
Consolidated Loans	4,000 00
Library Site Loan	4,500 00
Burial Fund Loan	528 00
Brick High School Building Loan	20,000 00
	<hr/> \$39,836 00

Assets of the Town.

Cash in Treasury	\$12,397 53
Uncollected Taxes	2,341 90
Military Aid	52 00
State Aid	229 00
	<hr/> 15,020 43
Net Debt	<hr/> \$24,815 57

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. TRAIN,
Auditor.

WESTON, Feb. 29, 1896.

DR. REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1895	\$1,147 20
Auctioneer's license	2 00
Slaughter house license	1 00
Weighing fees	53 85
Sale of burial lots	130 90
Interest on burial funds	13 50
Sale of grass and wood, and use of tomb	23 00
Printed records of Town	25 22
Rent of house on Library site	309 50
Rent of school-house No 1.	10 00
Town of Sunderland, board and care of Richard Blodgett	243 59
Tuition of three scholars	37 00
City of Cambridge	76 00
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans	5,500 00
New England Trust Company, temporary loans	8,500 00
City of Boston, board of Susan Hall refunded	111 12
County of Middlesex, dog tax refunded	353 40
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax	14,544 60
State of Massachusetts, balance of corporation tax, 1894	1,403 73
State of Massachusetts, bank tax	2,758 60
State of Massachusetts, military aid	60 00
State of Massachusetts, State aid	168 00
State of Massachusetts, for support of State pauper	32 14
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$35,504 35</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$35,504 35
By will of Henry A. Gowing, \$5,000, income to be used annually to purchase books for Town library	5,000 00
State of Massachusetts, school fund	219 00
C. N. Barnard & Co., Town notes	20,000 00
C. N. Barnard & Co., premium and interest on Town notes	388 88
Henry J. White, collector, taxes of 1893 . .	317 32
Henry J. White, collector, taxes of 1894 . .	1,581 04
Henry J. White, collector, taxes of 1895 . .	21,776 63
Henry J. White, collector, added taxes of 1895	414 92
Henry J. White, collector, interest on taxes .	57 11
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	\$85,259 25

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER AND COLLECTOR. CR.

Paid State of Massachusetts, state tax . . .	\$2,145 00
County of Middlesex, county tax . . .	3,386 52
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans . . .	5,500 00
Waltham National Bank, Stone Bridge and Central Avenue loans	7,500 00
New England Trust Company, temporary loans	8,500 00
Charles H. Fiske, trustee	1,500 00
Court orders and recording deeds	62 31
F. W. Marston, for land	100 00
F. G. Cooper, care of burial lots	12 00
Abatement on taxes	100 60
Sundry persons, selectmen's orders	44,055 29
Balance in Treasury	12,397 53

\$85,259 25

Unexpended appropriation for new High School building	\$8,511 23
Unexpended appropriation for Town Records	846 00
“ “ “ Hose and Wagon	322 62
“ “ “ Library Catalogue	600 00

\$10,279 85

Unappropriated cash in Treasury	2,117 68
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\$12,397 53

HENRY J. WHITE,

Treasurer.

WESTON, Feb. 29, 1896.

Taxes Uncollected.

Tax of 1894	\$470 28	
Tax of 1895	.	.	.	.	.	1,871 62	
						<hr/>	\$2,341 90

HENRY J. WHITE,

Collector.

WESTON, Feb. 29, 1896.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE
MERRIAM FUND FOR THE SILENT POOR.

DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1895	.	.	\$397	97
Interest from fund	.	.	198	49
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			\$596	46

CR.

Paid trustees' orders	\$205	60
Balance in Treasury	390	86
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						\$596	46

HENRY J. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 29, 1896.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER.

DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1895	\$35 62
Interest from library fund	111 50
From Town Treasury, dog tax	359 75
From Francis Blake, for books of reference	65 00
From Fred W. Jackson, M. D.	8 75
From library fines	25 54
	\$606 16

CR.

Paid Estes & Lauriat, books	\$492 09
Cutting & Brodriick	73 35
Boston Public Library	1 00
John Sheldon, Treasurer of Deerfield	4 20
Orange Judd & Co.	1 00
R. H. White & Co.	5 00
Balance in Treasury	29 52
	\$606 16

HENRY J. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 29, 1896.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896 : —

Number of new books purchased	410
Number of old books replaced	14
Whole number of books purchased	424
Number of books presented	42
Number of magazine volumes bound	41
Number of books rebound	112
Whole number of books in the library	9,908
Number of books taken out during the year	9,303

For financial exhibit see the Treasurer's Report, with which our accounts have been compared and found to agree.

The books will not be called in this year.

Books and pamphlets have been received during the year from the following sources : Department of the Treasury, Department of State, Department of Agriculture, Civil Service Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission, Secretary of the Treasury, State Board of Health, State Board of Education, Trustees of Public Reservations, Department of Massachusetts G. A. R., Secretary of the Commonwealth, Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, Mount Holyoke College, Trustees of Salem Public Library, Press Publishing Company (Malden), Everett Public Library, Tabor Academy, Central Public Library (Syracuse, N. Y.), Publishers of Waltham Free Press, Christian Register Asso-

ciation, Publishers of First Parish Calendar, Baptist Young People's Union of Weston, Mr. Francis Blake, Col. D. S. Lamson, John H. Pray Sons & Co., Mr. Herbert Merriam, Mr. Wm. H. Baldwin, Hon. L. D. Apsley, Mr. George A. Robinson, Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Mrs. C. J. Paine, Library of the late Miss Sarah Arabella Hastings. Also several gifts have been received from unknown sources.

We have also received from Mr. Francis Blake \$65, which is to be expended for books of reference.

LIST OF PERIODICALS RECEIVED AT THE LIBRARY.

Received Weekly: Christian Register, Electrical World, Golden Rule, Harper's Bazaar, Harper's Weekly, Illustrated London News, Nation, New England Homestead, Patent Office Gazette, Scientific American, Southern Workman, Traveller's Record, Voice, Waltham Free Press, and the Watchman.

Received Bi-weekly: Literary World.

Received Monthly: Atlantic Monthly, Bookman, Century, Cosmopolitan, English Illustrated Magazine, Forum, Harper's Monthly Magazine, Lippincott's Monthly Magazine, McClure's Magazine, First Parish Calendar, Meteorological Journal, New England Magazine, North American Review, Popular Science News, Popular Science Monthly, Poultry Monthly, Review of Reviews, Saint Nicholas, Spirit of '76, Scribner's Magazine, and Bostonian.

Received Quarterly: American Folk Lore, Technology Quarterly, and the American Journal of Archæology.

No list of accessions is printed with the report this year as the new catalogue, which may be expected early in the season, will contain most of the recent purchases.

It is thought best that instead of gratuitous distribution, as formerly, a small price should be charged for the new catalogue, and this will be done unless the Town desires otherwise.

The Committee have under consideration the substitution of electric lights in place of the present ones. The cost of lighting would be somewhat more, but the danger from fire would be lessened — whether or not the change will be made will (if the Town authorize it) depend much upon the extra expense to be incurred.

The time is not far distant when the needs of the library will imperatively call for more room.

How best to meet this coming necessity is a question which it would be well for the Town to consider.

The Gowing Fund of \$5,000, bequeathed to the library by the late Henry A. Gowing, has been received and is loaned to the Town in accordance with the vote of the last annual town meeting.

One name is missing from our report this year.

After a long and painful illness, all through which she showed remarkable fortitude and resignation, our associate on the Committee, Miss Elizabeth S. Gowing, has passed away.

Miss Gowing will be greatly missed, not only in the community where she lived and where her ever helpful activity in every good work has endeared her to a large circle of friends, but especially will her loss be severely felt by the Library Committee, where her sound judgment and strict regard for the moral influence of the library made her services of special value.

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,
HORACE S. SEARS,

Library Committee.

TOWN OF WESTON.

RECORDS, 1895.

TOWN RECORDS FOR 1895.

MARCH 13, 1895.

The decease of Arthur S. Burrage, having created a vacancy in the Board of Registrars of Voters for this town, we hereby appoint George R. Stedman to serve as Registrar of Voters for the residue of the term of said Burrage. [Sworn March 16, 1895 by Andrew Fiske, *Justice of the Peace*.]

HENRY J. JENNISON,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
FRANCIS BLAKE,		<i>of</i>
NATHAN S. FISKE,		<i>Weston.</i>

Received and recorded March 14, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk*.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Weston,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March, current, at one of the clock, in the afternoon, for the following purposes, to wit: —

First. To choose a Moderator.*Second.* To choose the usual Town Officers for the ensuing year.*Third.* To vote on a separate ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"*Fourth.* To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.*Fifth.* To accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen and posted according to law.

Sixth. To accept from the executors of the late Henry A. Gowing the sum of five thousand dollars, bequeathed by will of said Gowing to the Town of Weston; to be called the "Gowing Fund"; and the net income thereof to be expended in the purchase of books for the Town Library.

Seventh. To appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each revolutionary soldier or sailor buried in this town, the expense not to exceed one dollar each.

Eighth. To determine the wishes of the Town with regard to the granting by the Selectmen of rights of way for pole lines over the town highways to companies engaged in the business of supplying electric light or power, or in the transmission of intelligence by electricity.

Ninth. To determine whether the Town will build a new High School building, or act anything relative thereto.

Tenth. To accept from the executor of the late Charles A. Hastings the sum of one thousand dollars, bequeathed by will of said Hastings to the Town of Weston; to be called the "Hastings Fund"; and the net income thereof to be expended annually in the purchase of books for the Town Library.

Eleventh. To authorize some person or persons, in the name and behalf of the Town, to buy from Frederick W. Marston his triangular lot of land at the junction of Ware and Newton Streets, at a price not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Twelfth. To accept, and authorize the establishment of as a town way, that portion of Glen Road which was discontinued as a town way by a vote passed at the last annual meeting under Article Fifteenth of the warrant therefor.

Thirteenth. To accept, and authorize the establishment of as a town way, an addition to Glen Road marked "A-B" on the Road Commissioners' plan thereof filed with the Town Clerk.

Fourteenth. To discontinue as a town way, that portion of Glen Road marked "C-D" on the Road Commissioners' plan thereof filed with the Town Clerk.

Fifteenth. To provide for a water supply at the centre of the town.

Sixteenth. To determine whether the Town will amend Articles Eight and Ten of the Town By-Laws by striking out the words "*March*" and "*February*," in Article Eight; and substituting therefor the words "*January*" and "*December*": and by striking out the words "*two days*," in Article Ten; and substituting therefor the words "*three weeks*": or to act anything relative to changing the financial year, or the date of the annual meeting.

Seventeenth. To raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, or as may be required to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year; and especially to act upon all the appropriations asked for or proposed by the Selectmen or by any Town Officers or Committees in their reports.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting three attested copies thereof according to the vote of the Town, viz.: at the Town Hall, at the Methodist Church, and on the guide post near the house of Benjamin F. Cutter, seven days, at the least, before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, seven days, at least, before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

HENRY J. JENNISON,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
FRANCIS BLAKE,	
NATHAN S. FISKE,	
	<i>the Town of</i>
	<i>Weston.</i>

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town according to order.

NATHAN S. FISKE, *Constable of Weston.*

A true copy of the Warrant and Officer's return.

Attest:

GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

MARCH 25th, 1895,

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, a meeting of said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid, was held at the time and place therein appointed.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE FIRST. Charles H. Fiske was chosen Moderator.

ARTICLE SECOND. *Voted* to lay this Article on the table.

Voted: — To take up Article Three.

The Ballot Box was opened in public meeting and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and shown to be empty.

The register of the box was set at zero and the box locked. The key to the lower part was given to Constable James M. Smith, and the key to the upper part was given to Henry J. Jennison, Chairman of the Selectmen. The polls were then declared open for the reception of votes on the License Question.

At 3^h 30^m P. M. The polls were declared closed, and the ballot box register was examined and found to have recorded ninety-seven votes. The Moderator then declared the result of the ballot as follows, viz.:

Total number of ballots, ninety-seven	.	.	.	.	97.
Yes, three	.	.	.	.	3.
No, ninety-four	.	.	.	.	94.

Voted to take Article Two from the table.

Voted: — That the meeting now proceed to choose the following town officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

A Town Clerk; three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor; three Assessors; one member of the School Committee for three years; a Treasurer and Collector; an Auditor; one member of the Library Committee for three years; a Library Treasurer; one Trustee of Burial Grounds for three years; one Road Commissioner for three years; one Park Commissioner for three years; three members of the Committee on Street Lights; nine Measurers of Wood and Bark; five Surveyors of Lumber; three Fence Viewers; four Field

Drivers; a Pound Keeper; five Constables; and three members of the Board of Health, one for 1 year, one for 2 years, and one for 3 years.

That these officers may all be voted for upon a single ballot, and that the polls be kept open for the reception of votes until five of the clock in the afternoon.

ART. 2. *Voted*:—That the meeting proceed to transact other business while the polls are open for the reception of votes under Article Second; *provided, however*, that the Moderator may, from time to time, interrupt such proceeding whenever he deems it desirable to afford persons present an opportunity to poll their votes.

ART. 4. *Voted*:—That the reports of town officers and committees, which have been printed and distributed through the town, be and they are hereby accepted; *provided, however*, that the Town Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to correct such typographical or other errors therein as may be called to his notice.

Louis E. Roberts, Albert H. Sibley, and Charles H. Fiske, Jr. were appointed Tellers, and all were forthwith sworn by the Moderator.

Voted:—That Article Seventeenth be taken up in connection with Article Fourth; and that the reports of town officers and committees be now considered separately, in the order in which they are printed, to the end that the Town may take such further action thereon as may be deemed best.

At 2^h 21^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Salaries of Town Officers,

Twenty-six hundred dollars . . . \$2600.

“ 2^h 22½^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Town Incidentals,

Thirty-three hundred dollars . . . 3300.

“ 2^h 23^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Discounts and Abatements,

Twelve hundred dollars . . . 1200.

“ 2^h 23½^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Interest on Town Debt,

Twelve hundred dollars . . . 1200.

At 2^h 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for the Support of the Poor,

Fifteen hundred dollars 1500.

“ 2^h 25^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Soldiers' and Sailors' - Relief,

Two hundred and fifty dollars 250.

“ 2^h 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Military Aid,
Sixty dollars 60.

Voted: — That the sum of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.) be appropriated for the observance of Memorial Day, said sum to be taken out of the appropriation for town incidentals; and that a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator, to serve as Memorial Day Committee, with authority to expend the appropriation for Memorial Day. Francis B. Ripley, Marcus M. Fiske, and Henry L. Brown were accordingly appointed by the Moderator.

2^h 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Highways,
Fifty-seven hundred dollars 5700.

2^h 27^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Snow Bills,
Five hundred dollars 500.

2^h 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Street Lights,
Eighteen hundred dollars 1800.

2^h 28^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for General School Purposes,
Fifty-five hundred dollars 5500.

2^h 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for School Incidentals,

One thousand dollars 1000.

2^h 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Text Books,
Five hundred dollars 500.

2^h 29^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Conveyance of Pupils,

Three thousand dollars 3000.

2^h 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Burial Grounds,
Seven hundred dollars 700.

2^h 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Fire Department,
Eight hundred dollars 800.

2^h 30³/₄^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Town Records,
Twelve hundred dollars 1200.

2^h 31^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for East Newton Street
Bridge,
Two hundred dollars 200.

2^h 31¹/₂^m P. M. *Voted* to appropriate for Bills Prior,
Three hundred dollars 300.

Voted: — That the name of "Loring Place" be and it hereby is changed to "Loring Street."

Voted: — That Messrs. Charles H. Fiske, Andrew B. Driver and Frederick T. Fuller be and they are hereby chosen a Committee, in the name and behalf of the Town of Weston, to urge our Representatives in General Court to secure such changes in the criminal laws of the Commonwealth as are suggested in their report made to this meeting.

Voted: — That the Report of the Committee on Extension of the High School Grounds, be accepted and placed on file.

JURY LIST.

George N. Abercrombie.	Otis A. Kingsbury.
Emery L. Bemis.	Isaac O. Lovewell.
Edward E. Brown.	Francis B. Ripley.
Everett O. Clark.	Henry G. Russell.
James Cooper.	Fitz A. Robinson.
Andrew B. Driver.	Oliver R. Robbins.
Charles H. Fiske, Jr.	Louis E. Roberts.
Edward C. Green.	J. Melvin Schwartz.
Josiah S. Gould.	Herbert Seaverns.
William N. Gowell.	Warren Thayer.
George F. Jones.	Sidney E. Tyler.
Cornelius L. Keefe	Henry A. Wheeler.

The above list of names, prepared and posted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Statutes, was reported to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to revision by the Town.

Mr James Cooper asked to be excused, and it was voted to excuse him from serving as juror.

Voted: — That the foregoing List of Jurors, as corrected, be and it is hereby accepted.

ART. 6. *Voted*: — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the Town of Weston, to accept from the executors of the late Henry A. Gowing the sum of Five thousand dollars, bequeathed by will of said Gowing to the Town of Weston; to be called the "Gowing Fund"; and the net income thereof to be expended in the purchase of books for the Town Library: And that the Town hereby express the grateful pleasure with which they accept this memorial of the beneficent interest of the late Henry A. Gowing in the welfare of his birth-place.

ART. 7. *Voted*: — That the sum of One hundred dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the purpose of placing a marker upon each and every grave of a Revolutionary soldier or sailor within the limits of this town, — said markers to be such as are suggested for this purpose by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in their circular letter dated January 25th, 1895, and published in the Report of the Selectmen for the year ending February 28th, 1895: That said sum be taken from the appropriation for town incidentals, and expended by a committee to be chosen at this meeting; And that the Town hereby express their thanks to said Society for having suggested a way and provided the means by which a fitting tribute may be paid to the memory of those inhabitants of Weston who served in the Revolutionary War.

Voted: — That Messrs. Daniel S. Lamson, Frank W. Bigelow and Marcus M. Fiske be and they hereby are appointed a committee, with power of substitution, to expend the appropriation made under Article 7 of the warrant for this meeting, in accordance with the terms of the vote therefor.

ART. 8. *Voted*: — That we express our approval of the introduction of telephone service into the town; and, for that purpose, of any action of the Selectmen in granting locations for poles and wires along the necessary highways, but only on the following conditions: —

1st All locations granted for this purpose shall be subject to revocation or change at any time at the pleasure of the Selectmen.

2^d The shape, quality, finish, height and location of the poles shall be as specified by the Selectmen, or by any committee appointed by them to take charge in their stead.

3^d There shall always be reserved on the poles convenient places for holding any necessary wires for the Town Fire Alarm Service, or otherwise, free of charge.

4th The telephone system shall be for the accommodation of the towns-people; and no connections for the use of other towns or cities; except with the nearest or most convenient telephone exchange; for the practical use of the system for the Town of Weston.

5th All wires where passing through trees shall be kept insulated.

6th That the Company shall bind itself in a penal sum not to trim or cut any of the trees or branches except as specified in writing by the proper authorities; or of the owners when such trees stand on private grounds; any breach of this agreement being a sufficient cause for revoking all licenses for using the highways for telephone purposes.

7th A public telephone shall be opened and maintained near the middle of the town; and also another one in the village of Kendal Green, whenever twenty-five persons living there shall agree to use the telephone at least once a year, and in writing request it.

8th That the Electric Light Companies be allowed to enter the town under the same restrictions, unless they can arrange with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to use their poles.

ART. 9. *Voted*: — That when the vote be taken on the question of building a new school house, it be taken by yea and nay vote with the use of the Check List.

Voted: — That it is the sense of this meeting that a new High School House should be built.

100 in favor of building a new High School House.

61 opposed.

At 4^h 37^m P. M. *Voted*: — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars to be called the "High School Loan"; giving therefor

five equal notes of the Town dated May 1st 1895, signed by the Treasurer, countersigned by a majority at least of the Selectmen, and bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually; And that said notes be made payable one each on May 1st 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904.

Voted: — That Messrs. Charles W. Hubbard, Albert H. Hews and Louis E. Roberts, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, with full powers, to expend the High School Loan for a new High School Building on the present High School Lot; or on land adjacent thereto.

ART. 10. *Voted:* — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the Town of Weston, to accept from the executors of the late Charles A. Hastings the sum of One thousand dollars, bequeathed by will of said Hastings to the Town of Weston; to be called the "Charles A. Hastings Fund"; and the net income thereof to be expended annually in the purchase of books for the Town Library: And that the Town hereby express the grateful pleasure with which they accept this memorial of the beneficent interest of the late Charles A. Hastings in the welfare of his birth-place.

ART. 11. At 4^h 43^m P. M. *Voted:* — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the Town of Weston, to buy from Frederick W. Marston, his triangular lot of land at the junction of Ware and Newton Streets, at a price not to exceed One hundred dollars.

ART. 12. *Voted:* — That that portion of Glen Road which was discontinued as a town way by a vote passed at the last annual meeting, be and it is hereby accepted as a town way.

ART. 13. *Voted:* — That an addition to Glen Road marked "A-B" on the Road Commissioners' plan thereof filed with the Town Clerk, be and it is hereby accepted and established as a town way. — A description of said town way is as follows: — Beginning at a point in the northerly line of the new location of Glen Road at a point eighty-four (84) feet southwesterly from a point of curve (P. C.), opposite a stone bound, and thence running north-westerly at an angle of one hundred and seven degrees and forty minutes ($107^{\circ} 40'$) with the line of

Glen Road, a distance of thirty-six (36) feet to the old location of Glen Road. The foregoing described line is the north-easterly side line of the new way, and the opposite side line is parallel with, and twenty-four (24) feet distant south-westerly therefrom, and also extends from the new, to the old location of said Glen Road. For further illustration, see a plan, filed with the Town Clerk by the Road Commissioners, entitled "Proposed Way Northerly from Glen Road, Weston, Mass., March 1895. Aab & Co. Surveyors Waltham." Said way is laid out over lands now or formerly belonging to J. F. Wight and J. E. Fiske.

Voted: — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to give the note or notes of the Town, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, to the Trustees of the Town Library in exchange for any sum or sums of money they may have, from time to time, in hand for investment.

ART. 14. *Voted:* — That that portion of Glen Road marked "C.-D." on the Road Commissioners' plan thereof filed with the Town Clerk, be and it is hereby discontinued as a town way.

The result of the ballot for town officers was declared by the Moderator as follows: —

TOWN CLERK.

George W. Cutting.

Sworn by the Moderator.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Henry J. Jennison.

Sworn by the Moderator.

Francis Blake.

" " " "

Nathan S. Fiske.

" " " "

ASSESSORS.

Henry L. Brown.

Sworn by the Moderator.

David W. Lane.

" " " "

Nathan S. Fiske.

" " " "

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Russell, for three years.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

Henry J. White.

Sworn by the Moderator.

AUDITOR.

Herman A. Train.

Sworn by the Moderator.

LIBRARY TREASURER.

Henry J. White.

Sworn by the Moderator.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Oliver R. Robbins, for three years.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Thomas E. Coburn, for three years.

Sworn by the Moderator.

PARK COMMISSIONER.

Arthur L. Coburn, for three years.

TRUSTEE OF BURIAL GROUNDS.

Albert H. Hews, for three years.

Sworn by the Moderator.

COMMITTEE ON STREET LIGHTS.

Nathan S. Fiske.

Henry L. Brown.

Herbert Seaverns.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Brenton H. Dickson, Jr. 1 year; Everett O. Clark, 2 years; Howard L. Cooper, 3 years.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

Dist. No. 1. George W. Cutting. Sworn by the Moderator.

"	"	1 Merrill French.	"	"	"	Town Clerk, Mar. 30, 1895.
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"	"	2 Edward E. Brown.	"	"	"	Moderator.
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"	"	3 George W. Dunn.	"	"	"	Town Clerk, Mar. 29, 1895.
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"	"	4 Arthur B. Nims.	"	"	"	"	Apr. 9, 1895.
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"	"	4 Daniel Garfield.	"	"	"	"	"	1	"
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"	"	5 Charles S. Cutter.
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"	"	6 Horace Leadbetter.
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SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Daniel Smith.

Sworn by the Moderator.

Benjamin F. Cutter.

" " " "

Frederick May.

" " " "

Daniel Garfield.

" " " Town Clerk. Apr. 1, 1895.

Ralph Kenney.

" " " " " 10, "

FENCE VIEWERS.

Nathan Barker, Jr.

Frederick T. Fuller.

Sworn by the Town Clerk, Mar. 30, 1895.

Everett O. Clark.

" " " Moderator.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Lyman W. Gale. Sworn by the Town Clerk, Apr. 1, 1895.
 Patrick J. McAuliffe. " " " Moderator.

CONSTABLES.

Nathan S. Fiske. Sworn by the Moderator.
 Merrill French. " " " Town Clerk, Mar 30, 1895
 Silas Baxter. " " " " " " 29, 1895.
 Charles A. Freeman. " " " " " " 29, "

ART. 15. *Voted*: — That the Selectmen be authorized to expend any sum in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply water for the centre of the town.

ART. 16. No action taken.

ART. 17. *Voted*: — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, in anticipation of taxes for the present year, such sums of money as may be needed from time to time, paying therefor the current market rate of interest, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen, and to be paid from the taxes to be raised this year.

Voted: — That the money appropriated at this annual town meeting not otherwise provided for, be assessed, after deducting the estimated receipts for the ensuing year, upon the polls and estates taxable in this town, and be collected as the town charges are usually assessed and collected.

5^h 40^m P. M. *Voted* that this meeting be now dissolved.

A true record.

Attest: — GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk*.

MARCH 25, 1895. Return made this day to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, of the vote on the License Question, and the number of names checked on the voting list.

GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

MARCH 25, 1895. At a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day, Mr. Everett O. Clark was appointed Inspector of Cattle and Provisions for the ensuing year.

[Sworn March 25, 1895, by the Town Clerk.]

FRANCIS BLAKE,
Clerk of the Board.

Received and recorded March 25, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

MARCH 28, 1895. We the undersigned, Selectmen of Weston, do hereby appoint Joseph F. Flood of Waltham, Mass., a Special Police Officer for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896.

[Sworn by the Town Clerk, Apr. 9, 1895.]

HENRY J. JENNISON.
FRANCIS BLAKE.
NATHAN S. FISKE.

Received and recorded Mar. 30, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

APR. 13, 1895.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this date, the following appointments were made for the year ending February 29, 1896.

PUBLIC WEIGHER.

George W. Cutting; Sworn by Charles H. Fiske, Esq. *Justice of the Peace.*

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Daniel Smith.

Sworn by the Town Clerk, Apr. 15, 1895.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

James M. Smith.	Sworn by the Town Clerk, Apr. 15, 1895.
Horace P. Heard.	" " " " " " 22, "
George W. Henderson.	" " " " " " " "
Silas Baxter.	" " " " " " 27 "
Richard W Dennison.	" " " " " " 20 "
Darius B Vittum.	" " " " " May 10 "

FIRE ENGINEERS.

Benjamin R. Parker. Everett O. Clark. John N. Guthrie.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

Benjamin R. Parker. Everett O. Clark. John N. Guthrie.

Mr. George R. Stedman was appointed a Registrar of Voters for three years from May 1, 1895.

Mr. Nathan Barker, Jr., was licensed to act as an Auctioneer, within the Town of Weston, during the ensuing year.

The Board of Health of Weston, were authorized to act upon all applications for license to slaughter cattle, and other domestic animals.

The full Board passed the following vote:— *Voted*:—To authorize the N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co. to erect poles and wires thereon in certain streets of the town, subject to all the conditions recited or referred to in the formal permit now placed on file. And that copies of the papers relating to this vote be delivered to the Town Clerk for record.

In accordance with the foregoing vote, I submit herewith the Petition of the N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.: their letter accompanying said petition: and the permit granted by the Board of Selectmen.

FRANCIS BLAKE,

Clerk of the Board.

Received and recorded, Apr. 15, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said town. Locations to be shown on the map or plan to be filed.

Said Company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the

above poles, for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said town may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to :
Main Street : Central Avenue : Lexington Street : East Newton Street : North Avenue : River Street.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS,
by JASPER N. KELLER, *General Manager.*

125 MILK ST., BOSTON, April 5, 1895.

BOSTON, April 13, 1895.

To the Board of Selectmen, Weston, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :

Referring to the petition presented by this Company for pole locations in the town of Weston, it is desired to file with said petition the following agreements of said Company in case it is granted authority to erect and maintain poles : Said Company hereby agrees as follows :

1. That all pole locations are subject to relocation or change by direction of the Selectmen, after hearing first given to the Company.

2. That the shape, quality, finish, height and location of the poles, shall be as specified by the Selectmen.

3. Space shall be reserved at the top of said poles for the support of wires belonging to and used exclusively by the town, for Fire Alarm and Police Signal service.

4. No trees standing on private property shall be trimmed or cut without permission of the owner or his representative.

No trees in highways shall be cut or trimmed except with the written permission of the town officer having the care of trees, and under his supervision and direction.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS,
by JASPER N. KELLER, *General Manager.*

Received and recorded April 15, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, to erect and maintain poles, and wires thereon in the following named streets and highways in said Town of Weston, in the locations shown on the map or plan to be filed.

This permit is made subject to the conditions proposed in your letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen, under date of April 13th, 1895: And subject to the additional conditions, that public pay stations for the use of the telephone, shall be by you established at the stores of George W. Cutting & Sons, at the centre of the town, and at Kendal Green, and there maintained for a term of not less than six months.

Copies of your petition of April 5, 1895; your letter of April 13, 1895; and of this permit are recorded in the records of the town of Weston.

GEORGE W. CUTTING,

Town Clerk.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to: Central Avenue; Lexington Street; East Newton Street; North Avenue; River Street.

GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

APRIL 15, 1895.

APRIL 24, 1895. We the undersigned, Board of Health of the Town of Weston, hereby appoint George W. Cutting our agent for the ensuing town year, to receive death certificates and issue burial permits.

Signed B. H. DICKSON, JR.

E. O. CLARK.

H. L. COOPER.

Received and recorded April 24, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

PETITION OF THE NEWTON & WATERTOWN GAS
LIGHT CO.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

The Newton & Watertown Gas Light Company respectfully petition for leave to erect and maintain poles with the wires to be placed thereon, on the following streets and places in said town, in locations to be indicated on plans to be filed with the town.

On Ridgeway Road between Beech Lane and South Avenue.
On South Avenue between Ridgeway and Ware Road. On Ware Road from South Av to Newton Street. On Newton Street from Ware Road to residence of Francis A. Foster.

The poles to be of chestnut, shaved clean and painted a dark green, and erected under the ordinance of March 25, 1895.

NEWTON & WATERTOWN GAS LIGHT COMPANY,
by WELLES E. HOLMES, *Electrical Supt.*

Received and recorded. May 13, 1895,
by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

MAY 10, 1895.

PETITION OF THE NEWTON & WATERTOWN
GAS LIGHT CO. AND THE
NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO.

To the Board of Selectmen, Town of Weston.

The Newton and Watertown Gas Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, respectfully ask permission to make attachments of their wires, each Company to poles of the other, to be erected in the Town of Weston, under arrangements for such attachments satisfactory to your petitioners.

NEWTON AND WATERTOWN GAS LIGHT COMPANY,
by WELLES E. HOLMES, *Elec. Supt.*

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS,
by JASPER N. KELLER, *General Manager.*

Received and recorded, May 13, 1895,
by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

The Newton and Watertown Gas Light Company of Massachusetts.

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, to erect and maintain poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways in said Town of Weston, in the location shown on the map or plan annexed to your petition of May 1st 1895, and entered on the file of the Board of Selectmen.

This permit is made subject to the conditions set forth in your petition of May 1st 1895, and your joint petition with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts under date of May 10th 1895. Copies of said petitions and of this permit are recorded in the records of the Town of Weston.

GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

11th MAY, 1895.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to. Ridgeway Road, between Beech Lane & South Avenue. South Avenue, between Ridgeway Road & Ware Street. Ware Street, from South Avenue to Newton Street. Newton Street, from Ware Street to residence of Francis A. Foster.

Recorded May 13, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

MAY 11, 1895.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this date, Mr. Nathan Barker, Jr. was appointed a Special Police Officer to serve without pay during the residue of the year ending February 29th 1896.

FRANCIS BLAKE,
Clerk of the Board.

Received and recorded May 13, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

JULY 29, 1895.

At a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this date, Charles A. Freeman was appointed to have charge of the

burial of deceased Soldiers and Sailors, as required by Section 1 of Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1889.

HENRY J. JENNISON, }
NATHAN S. FISKE, } *Selectmen.*

Received and recorded July 29, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Weston.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Wednesday the twenty-first day of August, 1895, at 7^h 45^m of the clock in the evening, for the following purposes, to wit :—

First. To choose a Moderator.

Second. To appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for the purchase of land for the new High School Building.

Third. To appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars to be added to the appropriation made at the last annual meeting for the erection of a new High School Building.

Fourth. To appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, and to authorize the Burial Ground Committee to expend said sum for a water supply to the Central Burying Ground, and Linwood Cemetery.

Fifth. To determine whether the Town will vote to maintain fire hydrants in various parts of the town, either from existing supplies, from the Weston Aqueduct Company, or from any future supply where sufficient pressure shall be guaranteed. Said hydrants to be located by the Selectmen, and the yearly cost thereof not to exceed forty dollars each.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting three attested copies thereof according to the vote of the Town, viz. : At the Town Hall, at the Methodist Church, and on the guide post

near the house of Benjamin F. Cutter, seven days at the least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five.

HENRY J. JENNISON,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
FRANCIS BLAKE,	
NATHAN S. FISKE,	
	<i>the Town of</i>
	<i>Weston.</i>

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town according to order.

NATHAN S. FISKE, *Constable of Weston.*

A true copy of the Warrant and Officer's return.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

AUG. 21, 1895. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, a meeting of said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid, was held at the time and place therein appointed.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

ART. 1. Henry L. Brown was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. No appropriation made. [The following action was taken under Art. 2.

The motion was made by Edward Coburn that \$400. be appropriated for the purchase of a site for the new School House. An amendment was made by Edward Fiske, that when the vote be taken it shall be by ballot using the Check List; No objection being made the polls were declared open for the reception of votes on this question.

Those in favor of buying, to vote "Yes," those opposed to vote "No."

The Moderator appointed Henry J. Jennison and Charles C. Kenney as Tellers, who were forthwith sworn by the Moderator.

The result of the ballot was declared as follows, viz.:—
Total number of names checked on the Voting List was 117.
Total number of ballots cast 119.

51 "Yes." 68 "No." *Voted*: — That the ballot be confirmed by acclamation, which was accordingly done].

ART. 3. *Voted*: — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000.) to be added to the "High School Loan," giving therefor two equal notes of the Town, dated Sep. 2nd, 1895, signed by the Treasurer, countersigned by a majority at least of the Selectmen, and bearing interest at the rate of 4 % per annum, payable semi-annually, and that said notes be made payable, one on May 1st, 1905, and the other on May 1st, 1906, and that the vote be taken by a yea and nay vote.

The Check List was used, 14 voting "No," 87 voting "Yes."

Voted: That the Building Committee be directed to look for a better site than the one already chosen by them, *provided however*, that the School House shall be built on the site on which it is already started if the Committee finds no site better in their judgment.

ART. 4. *Voted* to appropriate Five Hundred dollars (\$500.) for the purposes mentioned in this article.

ART. 5. *Voted*: — That the Selectmen be authorized to locate not exceeding twenty Hydrants, costing twenty-five dollars per year each, the same to be located at the discretion of the Selectmen, and rented of the Weston Aqueduct Co.

Voted: — That this meeting be now dissolved. 11 o'clock P. M.

A true record.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk*.

At a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on August 27th, 1895, the following permit was given the Weston Aqueduct Company, to wit: —

TOWN OF WESTON, MASS.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

To the Weston Aqueduct Company.

We the undersigned, a majority of the Selectmen of Weston, do hereby grant your Company a permit to lay and maintain water pipes in the following named streets: Central Avenue,

Highland, Church, Forest, School and Wellesley Streets, subject to the following conditions, to wit:—

That the Weston Aqueduct Company assume all liability in claims for damage to person or property arising from the opening of said streets; all streets to be left in as good and safe condition as at the time of opening; that but one main supply pipe be placed in each street; that a plan upon the completion of the work, showing the location of pipes, to be filed with the Town Clerk or Selectmen. The opening of any of the streets herein named, shall be the acceptance by the Weston Aqueduct Company of all the conditions contained in this permit.

Signed by HENRY J. JENNISON, }
NATHAN S. FISKE, } *Selectmen.*

WESTON, Aug. 27, 1895.

Received and recorded Sep. 14, 1895,

by GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Weston.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the fifth day of November next, at twelve of the clock noon, at which time the polls will be open, and may be closed at four of the clock P. M. to bring in to the subscribers their votes for the following Officers, and each to be designated, and all to be voted for, on one ballot, namely.

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Councillor for the sixth District.

Senator for the fourth Middlesex District.

Two Representatives in the General Court for the eighteenth Middlesex District.

One County Commissioner for Middlesex County.

Two Special Commissioners for the County of Middlesex.

Sheriff for the County of Middlesex.

District Attorney for the Northern District.

Also any other Officers required by law to be chosen in the month of November of the current year.

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, Is it expedient that Municipal Suffrage be granted to women?

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting three attested copies thereof according to the vote of the Town, viz.: At the Town Hall, at the Methodist Church, and on the guide post near the house of Benjamin F. Cutter, seven days at the least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety five

HENRY J. JENNISON,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
FRANCIS BLAKE,	
NATHAN S. FISKE,	
	} <i>The Town of</i>
	} <i>Weston.</i>

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town according to order.

NATHAN S. FISKE, *Constable of Weston.*

A true copy of the Warrant and Officer's return.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

Nov. 5, 1895. Annual State Election.

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Weston qualified to vote in elections, met in the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, and were called to order at twelve of the clock, noon, by Henry J. Jennison, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Presiding Election Officer, who read the Warrant calling

said meeting and the return thereon of the officer who served the same upon the inhabitants.

In pursuance of and in conformity with the laws of this Commonwealth in relation to elections, the Town Hall had been fitted up as a polling place; a space railed off, and ten shelves or compartments provided for the use and convenience of the voters to examine and mark their ballots. Before the opening of the polls the two packages of cards of instructions, specimen ballots, etc., furnished by the Commonwealth had been opened and the same posted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Statutes relating thereto.

Benjamin R. Parker and Frank D. Perry, whom the Selectmen previously had appointed Ballot Clerks, were sworn by the Presiding Election Officer to the faithful discharge of their duties.

The ballot-box to be used at elections was then opened publicly by the election officers, who ascertained by personal examination and publicly showed that the same was empty. The register of the box was then set at zero (0) and the box immediately thereafter locked.

The key of the lower part of the box was delivered to James M. Smith, the Constable in charge of the meeting, and the key of the upper part to the Presiding Election Officer.

Two packages supplied by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, marked "First Set 450 Ballots. Town of Weston." and "First Set 450 Ballots. For Women. Town of Weston." were then delivered to the Presiding Election Officer by the Town Clerk, who took his receipt therefor.

The Presiding Election Officer then publicly broke the seal of said packages and delivered said ballots to the Ballot Clerks, who were provided with a list of the registered voters of the town and stationed at the entrance to the polling place.

The polls were then declared open for the reception of votes.

Upon four occasions, while the polls were open, the ballot box was opened and ballots taken therefrom for counting, it being deemed advisable so to do in the unanimous judgment of the Selectmen and Town Clerk. The times of thus opening

the ballot box and the number of ballots taken therefrom were as follows:—

2 ^h 10 ^m	P. M.	100	ballots	cast	by	men.
2	42	"	"	50	"	" " " "
4	0	"	"	50	"	" " " "
4	10	"	"	20	"	" " " women.

Total: — 220

At two hours and thirty minutes of the clock in the afternoon, on motion of Edward Fiske, it was *Voted*: — That the polls be kept open for the reception of ballots until four thirty-four o'clock P. M.

At four hours and thirty-four minutes of the clock in the afternoon the polls were declared closed.

The number of names checked on the voting list used by the Ballot Clerks in the distribution of ballots was of men, two hundred and twenty-six; of women, twenty; total, two hundred and forty-six.

The number of names checked on the voting list used by the Selectmen in the reception of ballots was of men, two hundred and twenty-six; of women, twenty; total, two hundred and forty-six.

At the close of the polls the automatic register of the ballot box read two hundred and forty-one; but a memorandum kept by the election officer in charge of said box showed that on five occasions a single ballot had been deposited therein without a corresponding record by the dial apparatus: And said officer certified that the total number of ballots deposited in said box was two hundred and forty-six.

Upon opening the ballot box twenty-six ballots cast by men were taken therefrom, which together with the two hundred and twenty ballots previously taken therefrom made the total number of ballots cast two hundred and forty-six, of which two hundred and twenty-six were cast by men and twenty by women.

These ballots were sorted, counted and recorded and declaration thereof made in open town meeting by the Town Clerk, and were for the following State and County officers and on the question "Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?"

WESTON, Nov. 5, 1895.

GOVERNOR.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton, None	0
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell, One hundred and thirty-seven votes	137
Edward Kendall of Cambridge, Forty-seven votes	47
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke, None	0
George Fred. Williams of Dedham, Thirty-six votes	36
Blank, Six votes	6

LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield, One vote	1
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield, Twenty-seven votes	27
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston, None	0
Edward S. Rogers of Lee, Forty-five votes	45
Roger Wolcott of Boston, One hundred and forty-four votes	144
Blank, Nine votes	9

SECRETARY.

Edward J. Flynn of Boston, Twenty-five votes	25
Joseph F. Maloney of Lynn, None	0
Charles D. Nash of Whitman, One vote	1
William M. Olin of Boston, One hundred and forty-seven votes,	147
Willard O. Wylie of Essex, Thirty-eight votes	38
Blank, Fifteen votes	15

TREASURER.

Martin W. Moran of Boston, None	0
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg, Thirty-nine votes	39
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport, One hundred and thirty-eight votes	138
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley, Thirty-three votes	33
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn, One vote	1
Blank, Fifteen votes	15

AUDITOR.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, One hundred and forty-two votes	142
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield, One vote	1
Andrew H. Paton of Danvers, One vote	1
Herman T. Regnell of Attleborough, Thirty-eight votes	38
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston, Twenty-eight votes	28
Blank, Sixteen votes	16

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick, Forty-one votes	41
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn, Thirty-three votes	33
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, One hundred and thirty-four votes	134
Squire E. Putney of Somerville, One vote	1
Conrad Reno of Boston, None	0
Blank, Seventeen votes	17

COUNCILLOR.

John M. Harlow of Woburn, One hundred and fifty-five votes .	155
Oliver A. Libby of Lowell, Thirty-two votes	32
Blank, Thirty-nine votes	39

SENATOR.

Lafayette Dudley of Wayland, Forty-four votes	44
John Heffron of Framingham, One vote	1
John J. McCann of Framingham, Twenty-seven votes	27
George A. Reed of Framingham, One hundred and thirty-nine votes	139
Blank, Fifteen votes	15

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GEN^L COURT.

Charles P. Bond of Waltham, One hundred and three votes .	103
John P. Chaffin of Waltham, Thirty-two votes	32
Arthur L. Coburn of Weston, One hundred and twenty-three votes	123
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston, Ninety-three votes	93
William V. Hyde of Waltham, Twenty-five votes	25
Blank, Seventy-six votes	76

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Freeman Hunt of Cambridge, Thirty-four votes	34
Fred N. Wier of Lowell, One hundred and fifty-five votes .	155
Blank, Thirty-seven votes	37

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow of Natick, One hundred and fifty-seven votes .	157
Peter A. Fay of Lowell, Thirty-one votes	31
Blank, Thirty-eight votes	38

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Lyman Dike of Stoneham, One hundred and forty-five votes .	145
John A. Gately of Lowell, Twenty-eight votes	28

Edward E. Thompson of Woburn, One hundred and twenty-four votes	124
Fred W. Trowbridge 2d of Hudson, Twenty-seven votes	27
Blank, One hundred and twenty-eight votes	128

SHERIFF.

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell, One hundred and sixty-nine votes,	169
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell, Twenty-eight votes	28
Blank, Twenty-nine votes	29

MUNICIPAL SUFFRAGE. *Men.*

Yes, Seventy-seven votes	77
No, Ninety-six votes	96
Blank, Fifty-three votes	53

MUNICIPAL SUFFRAGE. *Women.*

Yes, Fourteen votes	14
No, Six votes	6
Blank, None	0

Total number of names of Voters checked as having voted,	
Men, Two hundred and twenty-six	226
Women, Twenty	20

While the polls were open the ballot box was in charge of Nathan S. Fiske ; and the check list used in connection therewith was in charge of Henry J. Jennison and Francis Blake.

In the canvassing and counting of votes, the regular election officers were assisted by Albert H. Hews, Andrew Fiske, Herbert Seaverns, Daniel Smith, William H. Coburn, Charles A. Freeman, Marshall L. Hews, Harrison C. Hall and Edward Fiske who previously had been appointed Tellers by the Selectmen and sworn by the Presiding Election Officer to the faithful discharge of their duties.

The business of the meeting being finished, the returns were filled up, signed by the Selectmen, countersigned by the Town Clerk, and sealed up in open town meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk to forward to their several places of destination.

All ballots cast at the election were enclosed in an envelope, and the same properly sealed and endorsed.

The voting lists used in connection with the distribution of ballots and the deposit thereof in the ballot box, were certified

by the officers who had had them in charge, and were enclosed in an envelope, and the same properly sealed and endorsed.

All unused ballots were enclosed in an envelope, and the same properly sealed and endorsed.

The three sealed and endorsed envelopes above mentioned, together with the ballot box, ballot box keys, seal and counting apparatus, were forthwith personally delivered to the Town Clerk by the Presiding Election Officer, who in this and all other matters connected with the election followed and caused to be followed the "Laws Relating to Elections [1895]" as prepared by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

At six hours and twenty-five minutes of the clock in the evening the meeting was declared dissolved by Henry J. Jennison, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Presiding Election Officer.

A true record.

Attest: GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk*.

WALTHAM, MASS., Nov. 15, 1895.

We the Clerk of the City of Waltham and the Clerk of the Town of Weston, met this day at twelve o'clock noon and examined the certificates made to us by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Waltham and the several certificates returned by the Election Officers of said city and the certificate of the Selectmen of the Town of Weston, of the votes cast in said places for representatives, and made the following return: —

MIDDLESEX SS.

CITY OF WALTHAM, November 15, 1895.

This certifies that the following is a complete return of the names of all the persons for whom votes were given in the eighteenth Middlesex district for representatives, and the number of votes cast for each person named, as returned to us by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Waltham, the Election Officers of said city, and the Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

Charles P. Bond, of Waltham, had	1828
John P. Chaffin, of Waltham, had	183
Arthur L. Coburn, of Weston, had	1736
Alfred L. Cutting, of Weston, had	203
William V. Hyde, of Waltham, had	1122

Attest. LUMAN N. HALL,
City Clerk, Waltham.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk, Weston.

A true record.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

MIDDLESEX SS.

WALTHAM, Nov. 16, 1895.

I have this day delivered in hand to Charles P Bond of Waltham, and Arthur L. Coburn of Weston, the certificates of their election as Representatives in the General Court, as directed to do by the Clerk of the City of Waltham, and have made due return thereof to the Clerk of said city and to the Clerk of the Town of Weston, as directed by law.

WILLIAM P. McKENNA,
Constable of Waltham.

A true copy.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Weston,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of November, current at 7 h. 30 m. of the clock in the Evening, for the following purpose, to wit: —

First. To choose a Moderator.

Second. To approve, ratify and confirm any of the proceedings at the last Annual Town Meeting, or at any subsequent

meeting, in regard to the appropriation of money for building a new High School House.

Third. To accept and allow "Curve Street" as a new town way from School Street to Wellesley Street, in accordance with the laying out of the Road Commissioners filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Fourth. To accept and allow "Riverside Road" as a new town way from East Newton Street to Charles River, in accordance with the laying out of the Road Commissioners filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Fifth. To authorize the purchase of hose and hose carriages for the Fire Department.

Sixth. To accept Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1894; and to instruct the Selectmen to petition the next General Court for the passage of an act (similar in its general provisions to Chapter 121 of the Acts of 1895, but applicable to Weston), providing that any corporation desiring to operate a street railway through any portion of this town must operate it through special spaces only, and not through the public streets; and to that end to appear before any committee of the General Court, either personally or by counsel.

Seventh. To raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting three attested copies thereof according to the vote of the Town, viz.: At the Town Hall, at the Methodist Church, and on the guide post near the house of Benjamin F. Cutter, seven days at the least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Five.

HENRY J. JENNISON,	}	<i>Selectmen of the Town of Weston.</i>
FRANCIS BLAKE,		
NATHAN S. FISKE,		

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town according to order.

NATHAN S. FISKE.

Constable of Weston.

A true copy of the Warrant and officers return.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING,

Town Clerk.

NOVEMBER 27, 1895.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, a meeting of said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid, was held at the time and place therein appointed.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE FIRST. Charles H. Fiske was chosen Moderator.

ARTICLE SECOND. *Voted:* — That when the vote on the motion under this Article is taken, it shall be by ballot using the Check List.

Voted: — That all the proceedings at the last Annual Town Meeting, and at subsequent meetings, in regard to the appropriation of money for building a new High School House, be and they are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

The foregoing vote was taken by ballot, using the Check List, and the result showed seventy-seven votes in the affirmative, and twenty-four votes in the negative, it being carried by morethan the necessary two-thirds.

ARTICLE THIRD. *Voted:* — That the Town does not accept the report of the Road Commissioner for laying out "Curve Street" as a new town way from School Street to Wellesley Street, as filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE FOURTH. *Voted:* — That "Riverside Road," from East Newton Street to Charles River, be and it is hereby accepted and allowed as a town way, as laid out by the Road Commissioners and reported to the Town at this meeting.

ARTICLE FIFTH. At 8^h 48^m P. M. *Voted:* — That the Town purchase Hose and Hose Carriage, at an expense not to exceed Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$800) and that the matter be left with the Board of Fire Engineers with full powers.

ARTICLE SIXTH. *Voted*: — That Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1894, be and it is hereby accepted. 59 voted Yes, 29 No, [by show of hands].

ARTICLE SEVENTH. *Voted*: — That when the vote on this Article is taken it shall be by the raising of hands.

Voted: — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, giving therefor the note of the Town, bearing the current rate of interest, and payable not more than two years from the date thereof: And that said sum of two thousand dollars be, and it is hereby appropriated for the building of Riverside Road. 58 voted Yes, 6 voted No.

At 9^h 35^m P. M. *Voted*: — That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow for Hose and Hose Carriage, the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars for six months, at the current rate of interest, giving a note of the Town, duly countersigned by the Selectmen.

70 voted Yes. None No.

At 9^h 50^m P. M. *Voted*: — That when this meeting adjourns, it be to meet two weeks from to-night, at 8 o'clock in the evening, in this place.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

Nov. 27, 1895.

The Board of Selectmen have this date appointed Mr H. M. Kingsbury of Wellesley, a Special Police Officer, to serve without pay until the date of the next annual town meeting.

FRANCIS BLAKE,
Clerk of the Board.

Recorded by GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

DEC. 11, 1895.

Met agreeably to adjournment at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Voted to take up Article six.

Voted to pass over this article.

Voted that this meeting be now dissolved.

A true record.

Attest. GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

I hereby certify, that the sealed ballots cast at the election held November 5, 1895, were delivered to me by the Presiding Election Officer, and have been retained until the requirements of the law have been complied with, and I further certify that I have destroyed them without examining them, or permitting them to be examined by any person whatsoever.

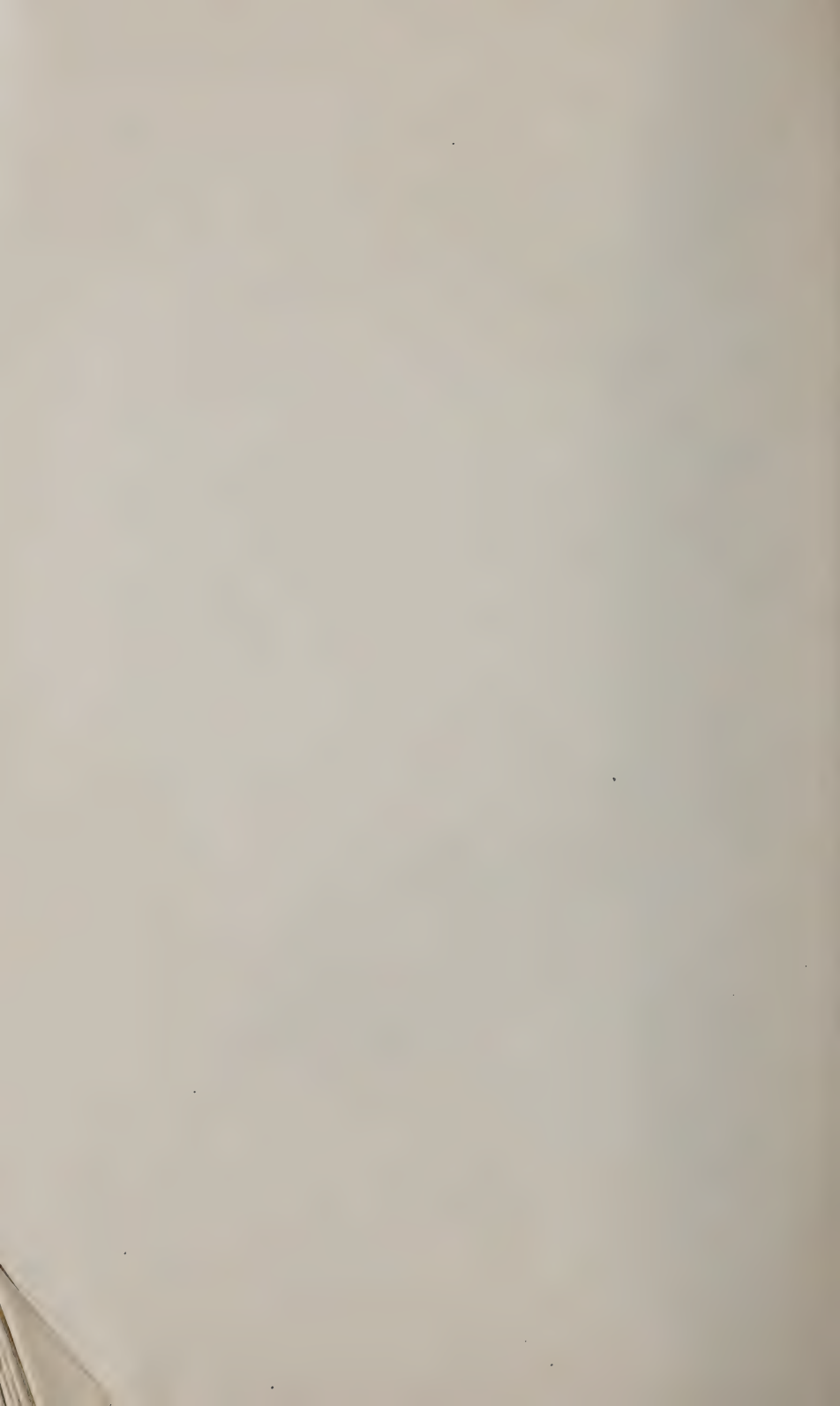
Attest.

GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

A true copy of the Records of the Town of Weston Massachusetts for the year 1895.

Attest.

GEORGE W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk Weston.



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